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CEQ RELEASES INTERIM GUIDANCE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES ON 309 REFERRALS

On August 11 the Council on Environmental Quality sent to the heads of all agencies a memorandum containing interim guidance on referrals to CEQ under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, of proposed federal actions found to be environmentally unsatisfactory. The memorandum and guidelines are reprinted. SEE PAGE 3

RECENT 309 REFERRAL ON LAKE ALMA, GEORGIA RESOLVED

The Administrator of EPA recently referred the Lake Alma project, a proposal by the Alma-Bacon County Development Agency to construct an artificial lake in Alma, Georgia, to CEQ under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. A brief summary of the process and letters from the agencies concerned are included. SEE PAGE 9

CEQ MEETS WITH AGENCY OFFICIALS ON NEPA REGULATIONS

CEQ plans to hold meetings with agency officials the week of August 22-26 to discuss improvement of NEPA and the EIS process, preparatory to the drafting of the CEQ regulations.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of All Agencies

SUBJECT: Interim Guidance to Federal Agencies on Referrals to the Council of Proposed Federal Actions Found to Be Environmentally Unsatisfactory

Under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is directed to review and comment publicly on the environmental impacts of proposed federal actions, including actions for which environmental impact statements are prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act. The scope of the Administrator's review extends to any impact addressed in legislation administered by EPA. If at the conclusion of this review the Administrator determines that the proposed action is "unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality," he is directed by Section 309 to refer the matter to the Council on Environmental Quality.

Similar reviews of environmental impact statements, including judgments on the acceptability of anticipated environmental impacts, are made by other federal agencies under Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA and the Council's Section 102(2)(C) guidelines, 40 C.F.R. §§ 1500.9 - 1500.11. Under NEPA, these reviews must be made available to the President, the Council and the public. Thus, while EPA is given a mandatory responsibility to refer certain matters to the Council, authority to refer matters to the Council is available to all agencies with relevant expertise under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Council has never adopted procedures for receiving and handling referrals to it of proposed federal actions which have been found to be environmentally unsatisfactory by EPA or another federal agency. It is our intention to do so now, initially in the form of the interim guidance which is attached. As you know, in compliance with Executive Order No. 11991 (May 24, 1977), we are in the process of developing regulations implementing NEPA generally. More formal referral procedures will be included in such regulations.

The interim procedures in the attached memorandum thus have two purposes:

1. They are intended to guide the process until the adoption of formal regulations.

2. They are presented for use by all agencies so that the final regulations, when adopted, will reflect our experience and collective wisdom.

In Executive Order No. 11991, the President directed the Council to develop procedures in its NEPA regulations "for the referral to the Council of conflicts between agencies concerning the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, for the Council's recommendation as to their prompt resolution." The procedures in the interim guidance for Section 309 referrals by EPA and similar referrals by other agencies are a first step in fulfilling the President's directive.

We appreciate your anticipated cooperation in making the procedures in the interim guidance work and in aiding us in developing the final regulations.

CHARLES WARREN
Chairman

Enclosure

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INTERIM GUIDANCE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES ON REFERRALS TO THE COUNCIL OF PROPOSED FEDERAL ACTIONS FOUND TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY UNSATISFACTORY

1. Purpose

This guidance establishes procedures for the referral to the Council on Environmental Quality of interagency disagreements over proposed major federal actions that might cause unsatisfactory environmental effects. The purpose of this guidance is to provide a basis for the early resolution of such disagreements.

Under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is directed to review and comment publicly on the environmental impacts of proposed federal actions, including actions for which environmental impact statements are prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act. If at the conclusion of this review the Administrator determines that the proposed action is "unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality," he is directed by Section 309 to refer the matter to the Council on Environmental Quality.

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This guidance provides procedures for EPA or other federal agencies to refer to the Council proposed major federal actions which the referring agency believes to be environmentally unsatisfactory. The guidance establishes procedures for the early notice of possible referral, for the timing and content of referrals, for any response by the proposing agency, and for Council action.

It is the Council's policy that these environmental referrals should reflect an agency's careful determination that the proposed action raises significant environmental issues of national importance. In determining what kinds of environmental objections to a proposal are appropriate to refer to the Council, agencies should weigh the proposal's feared environmental impacts in terms of their possible violation of national

environmental standards and policies (where they exist) and their severity, geographical scope, duration and precedential importance. Referrals should only be made to the Council after concerted, timely, but unsuccessful attempts to resolve differences with the proposing agency. The nature of the Council's response to referrals will be commensurate with the significance of the proposed actions and their possible impacts.

2. Definitions

The following definitions apply to these guidelines:

(a) "Council" means the Council on Environmental Quality.

(b) "Lead agency" means the federal agency which has prepared or has taken the lead role among federal agencies in preparing the environmental impact statement (EIS).

(c) "Referring agency" means the federal agency which has referred any proposal to the Council after a determination that the proposal is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality.

(d) "Proposal" includes:

(1) with respect to the Environmental Protection Agency, any proposed legislation, project, action, or regulation as those terms are used in Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, and

(2) with respect to all other agencies, any proposed major federal action to which Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act applies.

3. Procedure for referrals and response

All agencies subject to NEPA or Section 309 of the Clean Air Act shall comply with the following procedures in making referrals to the Council:

(a) The referring agency shall advise the lead agency at the earliest possible time that it intends to refer a proposal to the Council unless the proposal is changed as the referring agency recommends. Such advice shall be included in the referring agency's comments on the lead agency's draft EIS in all cases except where the draft EIS contains insufficient information to permit an assessment of the proposal's environmental acceptability. (Where such needed information is not contained in the draft EIS, the referring agency shall identify the needed information and request that it be made available by the lead agency at the earliest possible time.) Copies of such advice shall be sent to the Council.

(b) The referring agency shall deliver its referral to the Council not later than twenty-five (25) days after the final EIS has been made available to the Council, commenting agencies, and the public. Except where an extension has been granted by the lead agency, the Council will not accept a referral subsequent to that date.

(c) The referral shall consist of:

(i) A copy of the letter signed by the head of the referring agency which has been delivered to the lead agency informing the lead agency of the referral, the reasons for it, and requesting the lead agency take no action to implement the proposal until the referral is acted upon by the Council. The letter shall include a copy of the document referred to in paragraph 3(c)(ii) below.

(ii) A statement supported by evidence as to the specific facts, or controverted facts, leading to the conclusion that the proposal is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality. The statement shall (A) identify any material facts in controversy as well as incorporate (by reference if appropriate) agreed upon facts, (B) identify any existing environmental laws or policies which would be violated by the proposal, (C) present the reasons the referring agency believes the proposal is environmentally unsatisfactory, (D) contain a finding by the agency as to whether the issue raised is one of national importance because of the threat to national environmental resources or policies or for some other reason, (E) review the steps taken by the referring agency to bring its concerns to the attention of the lead agency at the earliest possible time, and (F) give the referring agency's recommendations as to what mitigation, alternatives, further study, or other course of action (including abandonment of the proposal) are necessary to remedy the situation.

(d) Not later than twenty (20) days after the delivery of the referral to the Council, the lead agency may deliver a response to the Council and the referring agency. Upon application to the Council by the lead agency and upon assurance that the proposal will not go forward in the interim, the Council may extend this period of time. The response shall address fully the issues raised in the referral, shall be supported by evidence, and shall give the lead agency's response to the referring agency's recommendations.

(f) After receipt of the referral and any response, the Council may take one or more of the following actions:

(i) conclude that the process of referral and response has successfully resolved the problem;

(ii) initiate discussions with the agencies with the objective of mediation with referring and lead agencies;

(iii) hold public meetings or hearings to obtain additional views and information;

(iv) publish its findings and recommendations (including where appropriate a finding that the submitted evidence does not support the position of an agency); or

(v) on matters of clear national importance, submit the referral and the response together with the Council's recommendations to the President for decision.

RECENT 309 REFERRAL ON LAKE ALMA RESOLVED

The Council on Environmental Quality received and assisted in resolving a recent 309 referral from the Environmental Protection Agency on the Lake Alma project, proposed by the Alma-Bacon County Development Agency, Alma, Georgia. Following EPA's determination that the proposed action was "environmentally unsatisfactory," the matter was referred by the Administrator of EPA to CEQ under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. CEQ then reviewed the proposal and worked with the affected parties to resolve the disputed issues.

In the Lake Alma case, a small community in southeast Georgia was entitled to about $1 million of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (The amount of the block grant was based on previous HUD-funded activities.) The Alma-Bacon County Community Development Agency proposed to construct an artificial lake in a wetlands area for recreational purposes as a part of a general community development plan. However, before HUD may release block grant funds, the applicant must certify that it has complied with the National Environmental Policy Act. (For an explanation of this procedure, see the June issue of the Monitor for CEQ's report on Block Grants and NEPA.) Alma conducted extensive environmental reviews, concluded that the project was sound, and requested that HUD release the funds for the project. At this point, EPA, the Department of the Interior, and local citizens expressed strong objections to the project and asked HUD to withhold funds and to look into the situation. EPA found the proposed lake environmentally unsatisfactory and referred the matter to CEQ under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. (For a fuller explanation of this law, see the CEQ memorandum on Interim Guidance to Federal Agencies in this issue of the Monitor.) Alma officials responded in writing to EPA's criticisms. CEQ then investigated the matter and reviewed the EIS and other relevant documents, including the comments and responses to them by federal, state, and local officials. HUD deferred making its decision until it received the Council's recommendations. After studying the proposal, the Council recommended that Alma not proceed with the proposed lake and that HUD not fund the lake, as explained in CEQ's letter of June 10, 1977.

HUD reevaluated the record, met with local officials, and again reviewed the situation. On August 12, HUD notified the Council that it had decided not to release funds for the construction of the proposed Lake Alma.

The following letters are attached:

- EPA referral to CEQ
- EPA letter to Alma-Bacon County
- Alma-Bacon County response to EPA
- CEQ letter to HUD
- CEQ letter to EPA
- CEQ letter to Alma-Bacon County
- HUD decision

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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MAR 24 1977

OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have determined that the Lake Alma project proposed by the Alma-Bacon County Development Agency, Alma, Georgia, which would be constructed with HUD community development block grant (CDBG) funds, would be unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. In accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (as amended) I hereby refer this matter to the Council on Environmental Quality.

I have made this determination based on the questionable water quality of the lake to be created and the destruction of 1,400 acres of bay branch swamp wetlands. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Wesley Johnson, Chairman, County Commission who is the responsible official for the CDBG applicant. The enclosed letter explains our concerns in detail. I have also asked the Secretary of HUD and the Director of HUD Area Office in Atlanta to delay the release of funds for this project until you have completed your review of this matter.

Governor Busbee of Georgia had asked that EPA delay this referral until an independent team assembled by EPA and acceptable to the State completes its review of the Lake Alma project. I am not able to accede to this request. HUD may release the funds for this project on March 28 unless EPA formally objects to this release before then. I also believe that it would be more appropriate for CEQ to assemble and chair such a team. I ask that you do so. I also ask that you use your good offices with the Secretary of HUD to assure that funds for this project are not released until CEQ has acted on this referral.

I and my staff stand ready to meet with you and to assist you in resolving this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Blum

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Deputy Administrator

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MAR 24 1977

OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Lake Alma project proposed by the Alma-Bacon County Development Agency. This review has been completed pursuant to our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (as amended).

Based on our review, we consider this final EIS to be a vast improvement over the draft EIS submitted to us on February 6, 1976. However, we have found that the proposed action to construct Lake Alma is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality, and I have referred the matter to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

On March 18, Governor Busbee requested that an independent team, assembled by EPA and acceptable to the State, review the Lake Alma project. I believe that there is real merit to the Governor's proposal, but I also believe that it would be more appropriate for CEQ to assemble this independent team. Therefore, in my referral letter I have asked Council Chairman Warren to assemble such a team. I have also asked the Department of Housing and Urban Development to postpone the release of funds for the Lake Alma project until CEQ has acted on the findings and recommendations of this independent team.

There are two major reasons why the proposed action is environmentally unsatisfactory. The first is that the lake, once created, would be of questionable water quality. The lake would be shallow (18 feet more or less at its deepest

point) and would be both eutrophic and short-lived. Nutrient loadings and soil instability as discussed in the EIS are key factors in support of this conclusion. Secondly, the creation of this lake would contravene EPA's policy on the protection of the Nation's wetlands.

These concerns are discussed in more detail below. I must also alert you to the fact that, if you proceed with this project and apply to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit for this dam, we intend to advise them that this project would probably have unsatisfactory impacts on the aquatic system.

The data in the final EIS indicated that urban runoff from the City of Alma will contribute high concentrations of fecal coliform organisms to the lake. The City of Alma borders on Area 1 which is designated for water contact recreational activities. Hurricane Creek, the stream proposed to be dammed presently, has measured concentrations of fecal coliform organisms which exceed by an order of magnitude the 200/100 ml standard established for recreational waters.

In addition, we are concerned that the proposed lake will be both eutrophic and short-lived. Our calculations indicate that critical loadings of both phosphorous and nitrogen will be exceeded. These calculations are based on existing land use and do not consider additional contributions to nutrient loadings resulting from growth in the area adjacent to the proposed lake.

From a wetlands point of view, the prime concern is the destruction of 1,400 (or more) acres of bay branch swamp, which we consider a limited, non-renewable resource. The swamp environment provides far reaching benefits in terms of moderating the effects of intense storm runoff and sustaining the environmental necessities of many local and migratory animal species.

The swamp establishes a natural flood plain which provides two essential functions. Because of its physical characteristics, the flood plain serves in effect as a giant sponge. Following a flooding episode, water entering this flood plain is released in an almost metered fashion, relieving

widely fluctuating down stream water levels. Equally important, this storage-release feature provides the detrital transport mechanism for the delivery of food to downstream plant and animal communities. These communities extend from Hurricane Creek to the Atlantic estuary near Brunswick, Georgia.

A second benefit of detrital production and export relates to the pollutant treatment aspects of the swamp. Nutrients, contained in watershed runoff, are transformed from potential pollutants to plant material. This plant material subsequently dies off and enters into the detrital export process. In effect, this process serves as a harvesting mechanism for the production of food for the plant and animal communities. Hence the potentially negative water quality effects of uncontrolled nutrient additions to a stream are minimized, if not eliminated, at no cost to man.

We fear that the proposed Lake Alma project would result in:

- disruption of the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the aquatic ecosystem,
- a decrease of valuable, productive habitat and associated impact on wildlife,
- alteration and restriction of certain faunal movement throughout the Hurricane Creek corridor, and
- general water quality degradation.

Consideration of these factors led me to determine that this project would be unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality and to refer it to CEQ with the request that they assemble an independent team to review it.

Let me also assure you that EPA is willing to continue to work with you to develop environmentally sound projects for the Alma-Bacon County area.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Blum
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April 19, 1977

Honorable Barbara Blum
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Dear Mrs. Blum:

This letter is written in response to the comments presented in your letter to us dated March 24, 1977, concerning the review by your agency of the Lake Alma Final Environmental Impact Statement. Although your letter was not received until well after the March 3 expiration of the official review period, including an extraordinary 30-day extension primarily at the request of Regional EPA, please be assured that the opinions of your agency will be given every consideration.

We feel that the Final EIS adequately meets the NEPA requirements of full and honest impact disclosure. Based upon your comments and those of Regional EPA, we assume that your agency concurs with this opinion concerning the document itself. Therefore, we find it difficult to understand how EPA can continue to disagree with the clearly stated and technically supported conclusions of the EIS, that the project is environmentally feasible and should be implemented. We are concerned that the EPA conclusions, if based on other than an inadequate understanding of the planned project and its anticipated impacts, indicate an attempt to find argument against the project rather than objectively review it on merit.

The following information is intended to set forth our position, largely based upon the findings of the Final EIS, concerning the comments of your March 24 letter. The numbers given in parentheses represent FEIS pages where technical support for our comments may be found. Other sources quoted are documented in our files, and we feel that nothing we present here is either new or foreign to what we have contended for some time.

Your "fear that the proposed Lake Alma project would result in general water quality degradation" is not supported by the extensive technical research or observations in the area. The present water quality of Hurricane Creek has been thoroughly analyzed by two reputable private laboratories, the University of Georgia (Nutter), Georgia DNR, USGS and EPA. Based upon these extensive historical data, the FEIS concludes that "the water quality environment created by the implementation of

the proposed lake will be acceptable for recreational use and the propagation of aquatic life," and that the "water quality downstream of the lake site should improve" (p.V-3). No evidence has been presented to refute this prediction.

These water quality data (especially the results of Nutter, USGS and EPA), fail to support your calculations that "critical loadings of both phosphorous and nitrogen will be exceeded." We earlier called to the attention of Regional EPA an error of over 300 per cent in their calculations of phosphorous levels, caused by their misinterpretation of the data presented in the Draft EIS (X-6). If EPA's calculations are now in fact accurate and indicate errors in the conclusions of the FEIS, we would certainly appreciate the opportunity to obtain access to them. The preponderance of evidence available to us indicates nutrient loadings will be no problem for the proposed lake.

Your concern that the lake will be overly eutrophic is inconsistent with water quality data, including that of your own agency, and reflects an apparent lack of understanding of the environmental conditions of South Georgia and the project site in particular. The Regional EPA Surveillance and Analysis Division has concluded that "eutrophication of the proposed lake appears to be limited," thus supporting the claim of the FEIS that aquatic vegetation will not limit in any way the recreation potential of the lake (III-7). These conclusions are based not only on the absence of sufficient nutrient loadings reported by the water sampling, to support such growth, but also upon observation of area lakes similar in depth and enrichment to the proposed Lake Alma.

Of course, we recognize that eutrophication is a natural process in all lakes, and will occur to some degree in Lake Alma. The FEIS concedes that aquatic weeds are expected in Use Area III, about 14.3 per cent of the lake's total surface area (III-7). Therefore, this shallow area has been designated for passive recreation, such as fishing and nature study. Likewise, it should be noted that such growth is desirable and necessary to sustain fish, waterfowl and wildlife. The FEIS presents extensive and appropriate mitigative actions designed to control aquatic vegetation, should such ever become necessary.

Your implication that high concentrations of fecal coliform organisms may limit the value of the proposed lake for water contact recreation use is somewhat subjective, and draws conclusions which we feel cannot be supported by either the data or generally accepted water quality observations. It is true that the results of the water quality sampling indicated that the fecal coliform levels exceeded the allowable geometric mean of 300 per 100 ml on several occasions (C-4). A comparison of these results with local precipitation data (II-61) supports the interpretation that these isolated high counts were a result of the flushing from storm water runoff. However, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources concludes that streams in Georgia "typically have high fecal coliform levels during periods of surface run-off," and that "one would

expect to find fecal coliform levels in impounded water to be significantly lower than in stream flows." Recent TVA studies also support the conclusion that coliform levels are lowered when streams are impounded.

The FEIS shows, as you suggest, that this concentration of fecal coliform organisms is associated with the urban runoff of the City of Alma, which will enter the lake at only a few specific points (II-56). This view is supported by the fact that the few high counts not only followed heavy rains, but were also recorded largely at the one station below urban areas, rather than generally throughout the basin. The FEIS further suggests that the temporary effects of storm water runoff on recreational activities can be controlled by development of settling ponds and diversion structures in the immediate areas where conditions warrant. Likewise, comparison of the storm water runoff map (II-57) and development plan (IV-18), shows that water contact activities have generally been located away from major runoff outfalls, thereby further reducing the risk of heavy contamination.

Your letter indicates that you feel that soil instability may cause sediment loadings of such a magnitude as to make the lake short-lived. Although sedimentation is also a natural aging characteristic in lakes, the FEIS concludes that "the reservoir capacity will be reduced by 1.6 per cent in a 100-year period. This sand erosion-transport system will be beneficial in the maintenance of the proposed sand swimming beach" (III-6). In light of this negligible reduction and the favorable economic impact of beach maintenance, we fail to see how this characteristic can be termed a "major reason why the proposed action is environmentally unsatisfactory."

The prime concern of EPA in opposing the Lake Alma project appears to lie not in the comparatively trivial and somewhat subjective reasoning addressed above, but in the fact that "the creation of this lake would contravene EPA's policy on the protection of the Nation's wetlands." If this is so, we wonder why the Agency failed to introduce the issue in either their comments to the Draft EIS or through the many months of discussion and correspondence with us concerning the other questions. The official Environmental Review Record, kept according to law at our office, was completely silent on the issue of wetlands until all of the other EPA concerns had been addressed extensively and the production of the Final EIS was well underway.

We do not intend in any way to imply that we do not share your Agency's concern for our valuable and fragile wetland resources. We are proud of the abundant acreage in South Georgia which has been set aside as protected, publically-owned natural areas, and we endorse the efforts of State and Federal agencies to protect our critical environmental resources. Some supporters of the Lake Alma project have in the past been in the forefront of the battles to save the Okefenokee Swamp, the coastal marshlands, and Georgia's scenic rivers and mountains. Likewise, the Final EIS presents some superb reviews of the general

biological and physical functions of the normal southern river swamp, indicating, we think, our excellent understanding of the subject.

However, nearly 12 per cent of Bacon County is similarly classified as wetlands (II-13). Due to its narrow configuration and heavy encroachment by urban and agricultural development, Hurricane Creek offers limited value as a productive wildlife habitat, while the proposed lake habitat is expected to support increased populations of fish, waterfowl, birds, furbearers and even alligators (IV-14). The nursery value of the Creek below the dam will be enhanced, due to the maintenance of stream flows and increased water quality, thereby extending the beneficial impacts of the project to the Atlantic estuary (IV-16). The flood flow moderating capacity of the Creek will not be affected by the dam (II-13 and III-6), and its groundwater recharge function will be enhanced. Recreation use will increase over the Creek's present carrying capacity and demand.

In view of these peculiar local conditions and the current national debate on the Section 404 permitting process (of PL 92-500), we question EPA's narrow interpretation of wetland's policy in general, and both the reasonableness and technical foundation of the threatened objection to the issuance of that permit in this instance in particular. We agree with Governor Busbee that "the implications of the Lake Alma review under Section 404 by EPA are far-reaching, not only for this community and any future similar projects of this kind in South Georgia, but also for the future of the 404 program nationally". Therefore, for these reasons we believe that Lake Alma should not be rejected as a viable project simply because of the wetlands issue.

We have received from the Council on Environmental Quality, the proposed Study Plan for the further independent study of the Lake Alma project. Although we realize that the study design is still in its formulative stages, we are distressed that this outline reflects such a duplication of the extensive effort which has already gone into the Final EIS. If, as the Regional EPA Administrator states and you seem to have implied, the Final EIS "meets the requirements of full impact disclosure, "we must protest the delay and expense necessary to complete such a study as EPA has suggested. Certainly the EIS is already sufficient to enable either agency environmental specialists or a court of law to resolve the remaining questions.

In summary, we find nothing in your letter to justify EPA's conclusion that the project is environmentally unsatisfactory. The concerns which you indicate are without technical foundation, and the assumptions which you state are without supporting evidence. This continued unsupported negative reaction by EPA toward the Lake Alma project is not based upon any documentable environmental issues resulting from the project itself, but apparently only upon the personal prejudices of the reviewers. We believe that it is now time for EPA to either provide sound documentation for its objections to the project, or to terminate its active campaign against the project. In this regard, we have asked the General Accounting Office to investigate EPA's apparently biased involvement in the Lake Alma project.

We hope that the logic and documentation presented herein will assist you and your agency in better deciding the merits of the proposed Lake Alma project.

Sincerely,

T.D. Mullis, Mayor,
City of Alma

Wesley Johnson, Chairman,
Bacon County Commissioners

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June 10, 1977

Dear Madam Secretary:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the results of the Council's investigation of the Lake Alma project proposed by the City of Alma and Bacon County, Georgia for funding under the community development block grant program.

The enclosed letter to Mayor Mullis of Alma and Chairman Johnson of Bacon County sets out the basis for our determination that the proposal should not be funded by HUD.

The Council strongly recommends that you take the following actions:

1. Notify the applicant that it should now reprogram funds in accordance with HUD regulations 24 CFR 570.305; and

2. Advise the applicant that if it wishes it can obtain assistance from HUD, or other agencies such as the Department of Commerce, to plan other methods to achieve economic development.

Please advise us of your decision concerning the proposed project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Member

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June 10, 1977

Dear Ms. Blum:

The Council has completed its review of the proposed Lake Alma project, and we have concluded that the proposal should not be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

We are informing the local officials of our determination, and we are requesting Secretary Harris to initiate the reprogramming of community development block grant funds for the applicant community. Copies of our letters to the local officials and to HUD are enclosed.

We hope this responds adequately to your concerns.

Sincerely,

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June 10, 1977

Dear Mayor Mullis and Chairman Johnson:

As you know, the Council on Environmental Quality was requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 24, 1977 to investigate your proposal to construct a 1,400 acre water reservoir, to be called Lake Alma, with a community development block grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). EPA's referral of this matter to CEQ was made under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857h-7), which authorizes EPA to invoke CEQ review of a proposed project following an EPA finding that the project would be environmentally unsatisfactory.

The Council has carefully reviewed your environmental impact statement on Lake Alma and the comments on the impact statement submitted by EPA, the Department of the Interior and local citizens. We have also reviewed your responses to these comments. A member of our staff made a site visit, with your assistance, on June 2, 1977 to obtain a first-hand view of the existing conditions and to aid our understanding of the proposal. You and your staff have been extremely helpful to us in the course of our review and we have been impressed with your careful examination of all critical comments on the proposal.

In EPA's March 24, 1977 letters to you and to CEQ, EPA argued that the proposed lake would be of questionable water quality and would destroy 1,400 acres of bay branch swamp wetlands. Although the water quality issue has not been resolved, the Council believes that the overriding issue is the destruction of the existing wetlands.

The site for the proposed lake is a highly productive wetland area, which would be permanently lost if the lake were constructed. Our recent site visit confirmed our understanding of the environmental impact statement that the area is a high quality blackwater swamp dominated by mature cypress, bay, gum and maple trees. The vegetation is well developed, diverse, and shows good growth and reproduction. Moreover, the Hurricane Creek area, although an intermittent stream, is one of the most extensive, continuous wetlands in the Alma area.

The value of high quality wetlands has long been known. Wetlands are a limited, non-renewable resource, and provide important functions of flood water control, water storage and low stream flow. In addition to water flow control, wetlands function as a water filter and are critical in the cycling of nutrients and other materials. Furthermore, a great variety of wildlife is dependent on the wetlands for food, water and habitat.

In the past the federal government has too often been involved in the loss and destruction of wetlands. Over the last two decades the loss of wetlands nationwide has been more than 40 percent. The resulting extensive, permanent damage to public and private resources requires that the federal government give greater attention to the value and the preservation of the nation's remaining high quality wetlands.

In light of this situation, the Council believes that it would be extremely difficult to justify federal participation in the destruction of the Hurricane Creek wetlands to construct a lake. We understand the purpose of the lake and its relationship to the overall development plan for Alma, and we commend you and the business community for the leadership you have shown to carry out this ambitious plan. Nevertheless, we believe that the immediate and certain loss of valuable wetlands is the key issue. The Council has concluded that the proposal is contrary to Sections 101(b)(3), (4) and (5) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which state Congressional goals for the federal government to "attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation," to "preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage," and to "achieve a balance between population and resource use which will permit high standards of living and a wide sharing of life's amenities...."

In interpreting these sections of NEPA, it is clear that the goal of economic development is important, and can lead to a higher standard of living for the community. The proposal to build a lake, however, is not the only available method of attracting development. We believe that the alternative of a swamp park, as discussed in the impact statement, may well meet the needs of the city's development program.

For these reasons, the Council is requesting Secretary Harris of HUD to withhold the release of community development block grant funds for Lake Alma. We are also requesting Secretary Harris to initiate the reprograming of the block grant funds, in accordance with HUD regulations (24 CFR 570.305) and in accordance with Section 102(2)(E) of NEPA, which states that all agencies of the federal government shall "study, develop, and describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of action in any proposal which involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources...."

Again the Council wishes to acknowledge your patience and your efforts to achieve a viable community development program. We trust that you can continue your efforts with a new program for your block grant funds.

Sincerely,

J. Gustave Speth
Member

Honorable T.D. Mullis
Mayor, City of Alma
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Mr. Wesley Johnson
Chairman
Bacon County Commissioners
Bacon County Commission
Alma, Georgia 31510

cc: Secretary Harris
Governor Busbee
Senator Talmadge
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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12 AUG 1977

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Charles Warren
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Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Warren:

I want to inform you that I have made the decision not to permit Community Development Block Grant funds to be released to Alma-Bacon County, Georgia, for the construction of Lake Alma. I would also like to thank you for your input and cooperation during the review of the Lake Alma proposal.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Embry, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

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		DRAFT	Beryllium - Proposed Standards for Exposure	70843	07-08-77	DLAB
		DRAFT	TAPCO Project	70847	07-11-77	FPC
		DRAFT	BPA Role in Pacific NW Power Supply System	70896	07-22-77	DOI
		DRAFT	Atlantic Foreign Pelagic Longline Fishery - FMP	70899	07-25-77	DOC
		FINAL	Passenger Auto Average Fuel Economy	70818	07-05-77	DOT
		FINAL	Vehicle Occupant Crash Protection (2)	70820	07-05-77	DOT
		FINAL	Western Spruce Budworm Management Plan	70906	07-26-77	USDA
Alabama		DRAFT	West Point Lake, Chattahoochee River	70833	07-07-77	COE
	De Kalb	DRAFT	Ala. Hwy. 35, Rainsville - Fort Paine	70867	07-13-77	DOT
Alaska		DRAFT	Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - FMP, 1978	70877	07-18-77	DOC
		DRAFT	Tanner Crab off Alaska, FMP	70878	07-18-77	DOC
		DRAFT	Solomon Gulch Project	70908	07-26-77	FPC
		FINAL	U.S. Borax Mining Access Rd., Quartz Hill Prospect	70876	07-18-77	USDA
Arizona	Coconino	FINAL	Williams Interstate Freeway, I-40	70855	07-11-77	DOT
Arkansas		DRAFT	Buffalo National River	70831	07-07-77	DOI
	Monroe	DRAFT	White River Bridge at St. Charles	70838	07-07-77	DOT
	Polk	DRAFT	Mena, Ark. - Water Construction Projects	70865	07-12-77	HUD
California		FINAL	Ames Research Center - Institutional	70928	07-11-77	NASA
	Alameda	FINAL	San Francisco Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	70822	07-05-77	DOI
	Contra Costa	DRAFT	Delta Coves Subdivision, Permit	70900	07-25-77	COE
		FINAL	Walnut Creek Project	70911	07-27-77	COE
		SUPPLEM	Contra Costa Co. Wastewater Management (S-1)	70810	07-01-77	EPA
	Inyo	DRAFT	Death Valley Rd., S.R. 168 to D. Valley Nat'l Mon.	70826	07-06-77	DOT
	Kings	DRAFT	Corcoran, Cal. -- Corcoran Fringe Wastewater Facil	70912	07-27-77	HUD
	Los Angeles	FINAL	Los Angeles County Joint Outfall System	70854	07-11-77	EPA
		FINAL	Bunker Hill Elderly Housing Project	70923	07-28-77	HUD
	San Mateo	FINAL	San Francisco Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	70822	07-05-77	DOI
	Santa Clara	FINAL	San Francisco Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	70822	07-05-77	DOI
		FINAL	Subsonic Wind Tunnel Mod, Ames Research Center	70844	07-11-77	NASA
	Solano	DRAFT	Vallejo, Cal. -- Vallejo River Park	70910	07-26-77	HUD
		FINAL	Vallejo Waterfront Development Project	70823	07-06-77	DOC

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Florida		DRAFT	Bold Eagle 78 - Joint Readiness Exercise	70839	07-08-77	DOD
	Dade	FINAL	Vista Verde Subdivision, Dade Co.	70690	07-20-77	HUD
Georgia		DRAFT	West Point Lake, Chattahoochee River	70833	07-07-77	COE
	Carroll	DRAFT	S.R. 166 & S.R. 61, Carrollton Bypass to I-20	70835	07-07-77	DOT
Idaho		FINAL	Sierra Pacific Power Co. - 230/345 kv Transmission	70849	07-11-77	DOI
	Clearwater	FINAL	Elk River Unit Plan, St. Joe N.F.	70863	07-12-77	USDA
	Latah	FINAL	Elk River Unit Plan, St. Joe N.F.	70863	07-12-77	USDA
	Valley	FINAL	S. Fork Salmon R. Unit Plan	70856	07-12-77	USDA
Illinois	Cook	FINAL	S. Cicero Ave. Post Office Relocation, Chicago	70821	07-05-77	USPS
	Du Page	DRAFT	Westlake, Glendale Heights	70862	07-12-77	HUD
	Grant	DRAFT	S.R. 18 Improvement near Marion	70852	07-11-77	DOT
Indiana	Marion	FINAL	West 10th Street, I-465 to West Street	70820	07-06-77	DOT
Iowa	Black Hawk	FINAL	Freeway 520, Black Hawk, Grundy Counties	70813	07-01-77	DOT
	Grundy	FINAL	Freeway 520, Black Hawk, Grundy Counties	70813	07-01-77	DOT
Kansas	Harvey	DRAFT	Halstead Local Flood Protection (2)	70909	07-26-77	COE
Kentucky	Fayette	FINAL	Central Rock Mine, SPR	70927	07-29-77	FEA
	McCreary	FINAL	US 27, Platrock to Greenwood	70868	07-14-77	DOT
	Pike	DRAFT	Johns Creek Railway Line	70874	07-15-77	USCG
		FINAL	Pikeville-Wmsville Rd, U.S.119, U.S. 23 to Caney B	70885	07-19-77	DOT
Louisiana	Jefferson	FINAL	West Bank Expressway, Jefferson Parish	70817	07-01-77	DOT

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Louisiana	Ouachita	DRAFT	Huntington Park Subdivision, Unit 2	70848	07-11-77	HUD
	St Charles	SUPPLEI	-40, I-10 - U.S. 90 (S-1)	70914	07-27-77	DOT
	St. James	FINAL	SH 641, US 61 to I-10, St. James Parish	70887	07-20-77	DOT
Maryland	Anne Arundel	FINAL	Relocated S.R. 32 (Patuxent Freeway)	70853	07-11-77	DOT
	Howard	FINAL	Relocated S.R. 32 (Patuxent Freeway)	70853	07-11-77	DOT
	Worcester	FINAL	Ocean City Airport Expansion, Md.	70859	07-12-77	DOT
Massachusetts	Hampden	FINAL	I-391 Chicopee-Holyoke	70836	07-07-77	DOT
Minnesota		SUPPLE	Duluth-Superior Harbor, O&M (S-2)	70895	07-22-77	COE
Mississippi		SUPPL	Tallahala Creek Dam and Lake	70864	07-12-77	COE
	Hinds	FINAL	I-55, Woodrow Wilson Dr. to I-220, Jackson	70857	07-12-77	DOT
	Madison	FINAL	I-55, Woodrow Wilson Dr. to I-220, Jackson	70857	07-12-77	DOT
Missouri	Christian	FINAL	Wilson's Creek Nat'l Battlefield, Master Plan	70846	07-11-77	DOI
	Greene	FINAL	Wilson's Creek Nat'l Battlefield, Master Plan	70846	07-11-77	DOI
Nebraska	Knox	DRAFT	Neb. Hwy. 12, Niobrara	70870	07-14-77	DOT
	Lincoln	DRAFT	Highlands North Subdivision	70888	07-20-77	HUD
Nevada		FINAL	Sierra Pacific Power Co. - 230/345 kv Transmission	70849	07-11-77	DOI
	Clark	FINAL	U.S. 95 and I-515 Spur, East Leg	70904	07-25-77	DOT
New Hampshire	Carroll	DRAFT	Waterville Unit Plan, White Mtn. N.F.	70880	07-19-77	USDA
	Cheshire	FINAL	N.H. Rte. 9, Sullivan-Nelson-Stoddard	70907	07-26-77	DOT
	Grafton	DRAFT	Waterville Unit Plan, White Mtn. N.F.	70880	07-19-77	USDA
	Rockingham	DRAFT	9.5 Mile N.H. Route 101 Relocation	70905	07-26-77	DOT

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New Mexico	McKinley	DRAFT	Rio Puerco Livestock Grazing Program	70921	07-28-77	DOI
	Sandoval	DRAFT	Rio Puerco Livestock Grazing Program	70921	07-28-77	DOI
	Santa Fe	FINAL	Tesuque Indian Pueblo	70875	07-18-77	DOI
New York	Chemung	FINAL	Chemung County Airport, Big Flats	70861	07-12-77	DOT
	Herkimer	FINAL	Route 169, from Route 5 to NY State Line	70881	07-19-77	DOT
	Suffolk	FINAL	Brookhaven National Laboratory	70918	07-28-77	ERDA
North Carolina	several	SUPPLE	Appalachian Hwy., No. Georgia	70815	07-01-77	DOT
	Brunswick	DRAFT	Shallotte Creek Bridge	70816	07-01-77	DOT
		FINAL	Bald Head Island Marina (Permit)	70812	07-01-77	COE
	Greensboro	DRAFT	Greensboro-Guilford Co. 201 Wastewater System	70894	07-22-77	EPA
	Guilford	DRAFT	Greensboro-Guilford Co. 201 Wastewater System	70894	07-22-77	EPA
Ohio		DRAFT	Hocking R. at Logan & Nelsonville (2)	70922	07-28-77	COE
	Holmes	FINAL	Muskingum River Basin Flood Control System	70851	07-11-77	COE
	Lawrence	FINAL	Ironton Mine, SPR	70871	07-15-77	FEA
	Richland	FINAL	Muskingum River Basin Flood Control System	70851	07-11-77	COE
Oregon		FINAL	Dalles to Vancouver Channel, Columbia River	70903	07-25-77	COE
	Multnomah	FINAL	I-505 - Industrial Freeway, Oregon	70901	07-25-77	DOT
Pennsylvania		DRAFT	South Harrisburg Flood Control Improvements	70924	07-28-77	COE
	several	DRAFT	Susquehanna Steam Sta., 500 kV line	70892	07-19-77	USDA
	Chester	FINAL	Wedgewood Estates Subdivision	70827	07-06-77	HUD
	Luzerne	FINAL	Susquehanna Steam Sta., Units 1&2, 230 kV	70884	07-19-77	USDA
Puerto Rico		FINAL	Roig Community Sewer System, Humacao	70838	07-07-77	HUD
Rhode Island	Providence	SUPPLE	Woonsocket Industrial Highway (S-1)	70886	07-19-77	DOT

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T. Territory		DRAFT	Yap District Airport	70824	07-06-77	DOT
	Caroline Isles	FINAL	Truk District Airport, Caroline Islands	70919	07-28-77	DOT
	Truk	FINAL	Truk District Airport, Caroline Islands	70919	07-28-77	DOT
Tennessee	Hamilton	DRAFT	S.R. 153, Hixson Pike Connector to So. RR	70860	07-12-77	DOT
		FINAL	S.R. 29, S.R. 27 Spur-S.R. 153	70889	07-20-77	DOT
	Marion	DRAFT	S.R. 27, I-24 to S.R. 28	70830	07-06-77	DOT
Texas	several	DRAFT	Matagorda Bay Project	70814	07-01-77	FPC
	Brazoria	SUPPLE	Bryan Mound Salt Dome - SPR (S-1)	70872	07-15-77	FEA
	Cameron	DRAFT	Brazos Island Harbor, Channel Improve	70915	07-27-77	COE
	Ector	FINAL	Inter-City Route, Odessa to Midland	70897	07-19-77	DOT
	Goliad	DRAFT	Coleto Creek Power Sta. & Cooling Reservoir	70913	07-27-77	EPA
	Harris	DRAFT	Autumn Run and Bear Creek Subdivisions	70825	07-06-77	HUD
		DRAFT	Riviera East Subdivision	70850	07-11-77	HUD
	Hill	DRAFT	Tehuacana Creek Watershed	70866	07-13-77	USDA
	Limestone	DRAFT	Tehuacana Creek Watershed	70866	07-13-77	USDA
	Mc Lennan	DRAFT	Tehuacana Creek Watershed	70866	07-13-77	USDA
	Midland	FINAL	Inter-City Route, Odessa to Midland	70897	07-19-77	DOT
	Travis	FINAL	Loop 1 (Mo Pac Blvd.) - South Section	70925	07-29-77	DOT
		FINAL	Loop 1 (Mo Pac Blvd.) - North Section	70926	07-29-77	DOT
Utah	Garfield	FINAL	Markagunt Plateau Unit Plan, Dixie N.F.	70819	07-05-77	USDA
	Iron	FINAL	Markagunt Plateau Unit Plan, Dixie N.F.	70819	07-05-77	USDA
	Kane	FINAL	Markagunt Plateau Unit Plan, Dixie N.F.	70819	07-05-77	USDA
	Sevier	FINAL	I-70, Sevier Valley	70837	07-07-77	DOT
	Utah	DRAFT	Lehi City, Uta. - Sewer Sys. Improvements	70891	07-20-77	HUD
Vermont	Bennington	SUPPLE	U.S. 7, Sunderland to Manchester	70893	07-21-77	DOT
Virgin Islands		DRAFT	Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management	70920	07-28-77	DOC
Virginia		DRAFT	Petersburg, Va. - Graham Rd. Improvements	70841	07-08-77	HUD
		FINAL	I-464	70858	07-12-77	DOT
		FINAL	I-64 Widening, Hampton	70898	07-18-77	DOT
		SUPPLE	Langley Research Center (S-1)	70883	07-19-77	NASA

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Washington		FINAL	Dalles to Vancouver Channel, Columbia River	70903	07-25-77	COE
	several	DRAFT	High Flux Neutron Source Facility	70916	07-17-77	ERDA
	King	FINAL	Renton, Cedar River Trail System	70897	07-07-77	HUD
		FINAL	West Campus Community, King Co.	70902	07-15-77	HUD
	Pierce	DRAFT	S.R. 509, Pacific Ave. to Port of Tacoma Rd.	70829	07-06-77	DOT
	Skamania	DRAFT	Bear Planning Unit, Gifford Pinchot N.F.	70869	07-14-77	USDA
	Spokane	DRAFT	Shiloh Hills	70845	07-11-77	HUD
Wisconsin	Brown	DRAFT	Green Bay Harbor, O & M	70832	07-07-77	COE
	Green Bay	DRAFT	Green Bay Harbor, O & M	70832	07-07-77	COE
	Manitowac	DRAFT	Manitowac Harbor Interim I	70842	07-08-77	COE
	Waupaca	FINAL	Highway Bridge Across Wolf River, Fremont	70873	07-15-77	DOT

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION					
	DRAFT	Bulk Chemical Storage & Distribution, Bordentown	70882	07-19-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
Forest Service					
	DRAFT	Bear Planning Unit, Gifford Pinchot N.F.	70869	07-14-77	(none)
		Waterville Unit Plan, White Mtn. N.F.	70880	07-19-77	(none)
	FINAL	Markagunt Plateau Unit Plan, Dixie N.F.	70819	07-05-77	(none)
		S. Fork Salmon R. Unit Plan	70856	07-12-77	(none)
		Elk River Unit Plan, St. Joe N.F.	70863	07-12-77	(none)
		U.S. Borax Mining Access Rd., Quartz Hill Prospect	70876	07-18-77	(none)
		Western Spruce Budworm Management Plan	70906	07-26-77	(none)
Rural Electrification Administration	FINAL	Susquehanna Steam Sta., Units 1&2, 230 kV Line	70884	07-19-77	(none)
	DRAFT	Susquehanna Steam Sta., 500 kV line	70892	07-19-77	(none)
Soil Conservation Service					
	DRAFT	Tehuacana Creek Watershed	70866	07-13-77	(none)
	FINAL	Avery Brook Watershed	70811	07-01-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE					
Economic Development Administration					
	FINAL	Vallejo Waterfront Development Project	70823	07-06-77	(none)
Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.					
	DRAFT	Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - FMP, 1978	70877	07-18-77	(none)
		Tanner Crab off Alaska, FMP	70878	07-18-77	(none)
		Atlantic Foreign Pelagic Longline Fishery - FMP	70899	07-25-77	(none)
		Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management	70920	07-28-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
	DRAFT	Bold Eagle 78 - Joint Readiness Exercise	70839	07-08-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, Army Corps					
	DRAFT	Green Bay Harbor, O & M	70832	07-07-77	(none)
		West Point Lake, Chattahoochee River	70833	07-07-77	(none)
		Manitowac Harbor Interim I	70842	07-08-77	(none)
		Delta Coves Subdivision, Permit	70900	07-25-77	(none)
		Halstead Local Flood Protection (2)	70909	07-26-77	(none)
		Brazos Island Harbor, Channel Improve	70915	07-27-77	(none)

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		South Harrisburg Flood Control Improvements	70924	07-28-77	(none)
	FINAL	Bald Head Island Marina (Permit)	70812	07-01-77	(none)
		Muskingum River Basin Flood Control System	70851	07-11-77	(none)
		Dalles to Vancouver Channel, Columbia River	70903	07-25-77	(none)
		Walnut Creek Project	70911	07-27-77	(none)
	SUPPLEM	Duluth-Superior Harbor, O&M (S-2)	70895	07-22-77	(none)
		Tallahala Creek Dam and Lake (S-2)	70864	07-12-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF HEW					
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION					
	DRAFT	Fluorocarbons: Env. and Health Implications	70840	07-08-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF HUD					
	DRAFT	Autumn Run and Bear Creek Subdivisions	70825	07-06-77	(none)
		Shiloh Hills	70845	07-11-77	(none)
		Huntington Park Subdivision, Unit 2	70848	07-11-77	(none)
		Riviera East Subdivision	70850	07-11-77	(none)
		Westlake, Glendale Heights	70862	07-12-77	(none)
		Highlands North Subdivision	70888	07-20-77	(none)
	FINAL	Wedgewood Estates Subdivision	70827	07-06-77	(none)
		Vista Verde Subdivision, Dade Co.	70890	07-20-77	(none)
		West Campus Community, King Co.	70902	07-15-77	(none)
		Bunker Hill Elderly Housing Project	70923	07-28-77	(none)
Section 104(h)					
	DRAFT	Petersburg, Va. - Graham Rd. Improvements	70841	07-08-77	(none)
		Mena, Ark. - Water Construction Projects	70865	07-12-77	(none)
		Lehi City, Uta. - Sewer Sys. Improvements	70891	07-20-77	(none)
		Vallejo, Cal. -- Vallejo River Park	70910	07-26-77	(none)
		Corcoran, Cal. -- Corcoran Fringe Wastewater Facil	70912	07-27-77	(none)
	FINAL	Renton, Cedar River Trail System	70597	07-07-77	(none)
		Roig Community Sewer System, Humacao	70834	07-07-77	(none)
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR					
Bonneville Power Administration					
	DRAFT	BPA Role in Pacific NW Power Supply System	70896	07-22-77	(none)
Bureau of Indian Affairs					
	FINAL	Tesuque Indian Pueblo	70875	07-18-77	(none)

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Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife					
	FINAL	San Francisco Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	70822	07-05-77	(none)
National Park Service					
	DRAFT	Buffalo National River	70831	07-07-77	(none)
	FINAL	Wilson's Creek Nat'l Battlefield, Master Plan	70846	07-11-77	(none)
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	DRAFT	Beryllium - Proposed Standards for Exposure	70843	07-08-77	(none)
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		Truk District Airport, Caroline Islands	70919	07-28-77	(none)
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		White River Bridge at St. Charles	70838	07-07-77	(none)
		S.R. 18 Improvement near Marion	70852	07-11-77	(none)
		S.R. 153, Hixson Pike Connector to So. RR	70860	07-12-77	(none)
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		Neb. Hwy. 12, Niobrara	70870	07-14-77	(none)
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Forest Service

Draft — Date

Waterville Unit Plan, White Mtn. N.F. — 07/19

New Hampshire
County: Grafton Carroll
Proposed is a land use plan for 57,000 acres of National Forest land located in Grafton and Carroll Counties, New Hampshire. Major points under the proposed action include: no recommendation for Wilderness Study, MAIV designation of 4,500 acres, timber sales producing approximately 3.4 million board feet per year, 1,700 acres of timber stand improvement, 15 miles of new hiking trails -- deletion of 1.5 miles, and construction of 21 miles of timber access roads. Major impacts include production and harvest of wood fiber on approximately 6100 acres, and construction of 24 miles of permanent roads.
(ELR ORDER # 70880)

Bear Planning Unit, Gifford Pinchot N.F. — 07/14

Washington
County: Skamania
The proposed action is the implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the 27,490-acre Bear Planning Unit in Gifford Pinchot National Park. The preferred alternative provides for almost every resource use except Wilderness and domestic range. The Wind River Experimental Forest will be continued and 4,370 acres within the Columbia River Gorge would be recommended for classification as a Special Interest Area. Timber Management areas total 13,380 acres. Additional people using the area would cause minor physical and biological impacts. Logging and road construction would cause soil compaction and disturbance and some water quality degradation.
(ELR ORDER # 70869)

Final — Date

Western Spruce Budworm Management Plan — 07/26

Proposed is the management of western spruce budworm on 987,319 acres out of a total infestation of 3,151,985 acres. The preferred method of treatment is long-term silvicul-

tural management on 934,019 acres and short-term aerial application of carbaryl (Sevin-4-oil) on 53,300 acres in the spring and summer of 1977. The application of Sevin will result in decline of population of some soil-inhabiting invertebrates, destruction of beneficial insect populations, and the elimination of honeybees in the treated areas.
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA USDA
state and local agencies
concerned groups and individuals
(ELR ORDER # 70906)

U.S. Borax Mining Access Rd., Quartz Hill Prospect 07/18

Alaska
Proposed, by the United States Borax & Chemical Corporation (in behalf of Pacific Coast Mines, Inc.), is the development of a mining exploration road due east of Ketchikan on the mainland of southeast Alaska. This road is to be used for intensive development drilling of the prospect to depths below 600 feet and for the extraction of about 5000 tons of ore for pilot testing (bulk sampling). The greatest adverse impact will be a major development in an otherwise undeveloped area of the Tongass National Forest. Greater pressure will be put on fish and other aquatic life.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOC DOI EPA HUD
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70876)

S. Fork Salmon R. Unit Plan 07/12

Idaho
County: Valley
Proposed is a land use plan for the 348,328-acre South Fork Salmon River Planning Unit. Of this acreage, 246,000 lie within the Krassel Ranger District of Payette National Forest and 102,328 acres are in the Cascade Ranger District of Boise National Forest. The Unit also includes 855 acres of privately owned land, and 3,840 acres of State owned land, -- remote school sections that have no access. Land allocation areas include recreation, wilderness study and big game winter range.

COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP DOI EPA USDA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70856)

Elk River Unit Plan, St. Joe N.F. 07/12

Idaho
County: Clearwater Latah
Proposed is the implementation of a land use plan for the 42,500 acre Elk River Planning Unit, St. Joe National

Forest. The plan divides the planning unit into five management units which reflect differences in land capability and sensitivity. Adverse effects relate to timber harvest and access road construction and include decreased land productivity and environmental quality, loss of wildlife and fisheries values, and reduced economic and social benefits.
COMMENTS MADE BY: COE EPA DOI
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70863)

Markagunt Plateau Unit Plan, Dixie N.F. 07/05

Utah
County: Iron Kane Garfield
The statement proposes a management plan for the 400,000-acre Markagunt Plateau Unit in Dixie National Forest, Utah. The planning unit is divided into 5 management areas which are assigned such designations as wilderness areas, recreational areas, and roadless areas. Minor adverse effects will be stream sedimentation and short periods of air pollution.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA HEW OEO HUD AHP EPA DOI
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70819)

Rural Electrification Administration

Draft Date

Susquehanna Steam Sta., 500 kV Line 07/19

Pennsylvania
County: several
The proposed action is a loan guarantee commitment to the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., to finance a ten percent ownership interest in the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Plans also include the financing of 42.3 miles of 500 kV transmission line associated with this station. This statement covers the 128 miles of associated 500 kV transmission facilities located in Luzerne, Lackawana, Columbia, Mountour, Northumberland, Snyder, Carbon and Northampton Counties in Pennsylvania. Forested areas will be disturbed with the potential for soil erosion and wildlife disturbance.
(ELR ORDER # 70892)

Final

Susquehanna Steam Sta., Units 1&2, 230 kV Line 07/19

Pennsylvania
County : Luzerne
Proposed is the granting of a loan guarantee commitment to the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., to finance a ten percent ownership interest in the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Salem Township, Pennsylvania and to finance 42.3 miles of 500 kV transmission line associated with this station. This final EIS covers the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station and associated 230 kV transmission facilities. A separate draft EIS has been prepared by REA for the 128 miles of associated 500 kV transmission facilities.
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA
(ELR ORDER #70884)

Soil Conservation Service

Draft Date

Tehuacana Creek Watershed 07/13

Texas
County: Mc Lennan Hill Limestone
Proposed is the completion of a watershed project in McLennan, Hill, and Limestone Counties, Texas. The project contains provisions for needed land treatment measures on the watershed and the installation of 27 floodwater retarding structures, and channel work. Remaining land treatment measures are to be applied on about 11,000 acres of agricultural land and the remaining 23 grade stabilization structures, 3 floodwater retarding structures and 10.1 miles of channel work are to be installed for completion of the project. Destruction of wildlife habitat will occur on the 72 acres used for installation of dams and emergency spillways of structures.
(ELR ORDER # 70866)

Final Date

Avery Brook Watershed 07/01

Connecticut
County: Hartford
Proposed is a watershed project for watershed protection and flood prevention located in the town of South Windsor, Connecticut. The plan encompasses an area of 1,664 acres, and proposes conservation land treatment supplemented by two floodwater retarding structures and floodproofing. Installation of the two structures will destroy 315 feet of stream channel. Water, noise, and air pollution will be increased during construction.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA HEW DOI DOT EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70811)

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Economic Development Administration

Final — Date

Vallejo Waterfront Development Project — 07/06

California
County: Solano
The statement concerns a proposal to provide infrastructural components for a 54-acre section of a 207-acre industrial park and municipal marina in Vallejo. The construction would include fill and compaction, streets, storm sewers, water lines, sewer lines, street lighting, traffic signals, and landscaping. Impacts caused by the construction and operation of the industrial park include aggravation of existing air, water, and noise pollution; energy consumption; probable land use shifts adjacent to the site; and generation of traffic, and solid and liquid wastes. There will also be adverse impacts on the area's marine biology.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI EPA AHP HEW
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70823)

Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.

Draft — Date

Atlantic Foreign Pelagic Longline Fishery - PMP — 07/25

Proposed is the approval of a Preliminary Fisheries Management Plan for the Atlantic pelagic longline fishery off the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts and off Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The proposed action provides for prohibition of the retention of all billfishes captured by foreign pelagic longline vessels and regulates the catch of sharks in the Fishery Conservation Zone. This action is expected to have beneficial effects on the environment at the local, regional, and international levels.
(ELR ORDER # 70899)

Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - PMP, 1978 — 07/18

Alaska
The proposed action is to adopt and implement a fishery

management plan for the groundfish fishery of the Gulf of Alaska. The purpose of the management plan is to manage the groundfish fishery in the Gulf for the optimum yield, and to allocate harvest between domestic and foreign fishermen. No significant adverse effects are anticipated as a result of the proposed action.
(ELR ORDER # 70877)

Tanner Crab off Alaska, FMP 07/18

Alaska
Proposed is the adoption and implementation of a fishery management plan for domestic and foreign commercial fisheries for Tanner Crab in the North Pacific Ocean off the coast of Alaska. The plan recommends restriction of foreign harvest in the U.S. Conservation Zone to the area of the eastern Bering Sea north of 58 degrees 00 minutes N. latitute and west of 164 minutes degrees 00 minutes West longitude. This action would effectively eliminate foreign harvest of "C. bairdi", the larger of the two species primarily harvested and the one currently in demand by the U.S. industry, and would remove foreign gear from conflicting areas.
(ELR ORDER # 70878)

Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management 07/28

Virgin Islands
The proposed action consists of approval and implementation of the Coastal Management Program of the Virgin Islands. Implementation of the project will restrict or prohibit certain land and water uses in parts of the Virgin Islands coast, while promoting and encouraging development and use activities in other parts. The program will provide an improved decision-making process for determining coastal land and water uses and siting of facilities of national interest, and will lead to increased long-term protection and benefit from the State's coastal resources.
(ELR ORDER # 70920)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Draft	Date
Bold Eagle 78 - Joint Readiness Exercise	07/08

Florida
Proposed is the execution of Bold Eagle 78, a Joint Readiness Exercise, at the Eglin AFB Test Range Complex from Oct.24 to Oct. 30, 1977. The objectives are to exercise and evaluate the planning and execution of an air superiority campaign; strategic deployment and tactical employment; and the planning and use of electronic warfare to penetrate air defense systems. Adverse impacts include increased air contamination through use of explosives, damage to underbrush and habitat caused by track vehicle operations, and disturbance of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker and Okaloosa Darter, both endangered species. (ELR ORDER # 70839)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, Army Corps

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Draft — Date

Delta Coves Subdivision, Permit — 07/25

California
County: Contra Costa
Delta Coves plans to provide building sites for 495 single family dwellings and 64 condominium units. This development would occupy 310 acres in the southeastern part of Bethel Island in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The development, in addition to providing residential lots, will include commercial and recreational facilities. A Department of the Army permit is required to breach the levee system and provide access for the proposed inland harbor/lagoon. (Sacramento District)
(ELR ORDER # 70900)

West Point Lake, Chattahoochee River — 07/07

Georgia Alabama
Proposed is construction of a multipurpose concrete and earth dam on West Point Lake and Chattahoochee River in Alabama and Georgia. The dam would provide 73,375 kW of hydroelectric power, flood control, general recreational facilities, improved fishery and would aid downstream navigation. The project will result in loss of wildlife and timber resources on 25,900 acres, relocation of 61 families and 29 cemeteries, and low oxygen concentrations and increased iron and manganese concentrations during periods of lake stratification. (Savannah District)
(ELR ORDER # 70833)

Halstead Local Flood Protection (2) — 07/26

Kansas
County: Harvey
Proposed is the construction of a horseshoe levee on the northeast, and southeast boundaries of the city of Halstead, Kansas, in order to provide protection from periodic flooding. Project plans call for the enlargement of the river channel to a bottom width of 60 feet for a length of 3.5 miles, and the realignment of 800 feet of channel in the vicinity of Warkentin Homestead. A total of 240 acres of land and water would be required including 26

acres of flood plain forest, 4 acres of upland trees, 122 acres of cropland, and 23 acres of pastureland. (Tulsa District)
(ELR ORDER # 70909)

Hocking R. at Logan & Nelsonville (2) 07/28

Ohio
Proposed is the construction of the Logan and Nelsonville Local Protection Projects on the Hocking River to be operated as units of the plan of water resources development for the Central Ohio Water Development Region. The proposed plan consists of approximately 5.4 miles of channel modification along the Hocking River and approximately 3,500 feet of earthen levee along the Hocking River and Oldtown Creek at Logan, Ohio. Associated recreation facilities at both Logan and Nelsonville include four stream access sites, 3.65 miles of biking and walking trails and development of two low density parks.
(Huntington District)
(ELR ORDER # 70922)

South Harrisburg Flood Control Improvements 07/28

Pennsylvania
Proposed is a plan for flood control improvements for the Paxton Creek and Susquehanna River area, South Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The plan calls for a flood wall approximately 4,200 feet in length which will provide protection against backwater flooding from the Susquehanna River. The Paxton Creek channel will be sized to accomodate the Agnes flood flow as modified by a detention reservoir at Asylum Run, and the flow in the existing Paxton Creek will be reversed and also diverted to the Susquehanna River in the area south of I-83. Twelve businesses will be evacuated or relocated. (Baltimore District)
(ELR ORDER # 70924)

Brazos Island Harbor, Channel Improve 07/27

Texas
County: Cameron
Proposed is the enlargement of the turning basin, main channel, and entrance channel of the Brazos Island Harbor, Texas. The main channel would be deepened to 42 feet over a bottom width of 300 feet from the entrance channel to the turning basin extension, a distance of 14.8 miles. The turning basin extension would be deepened to 42 feet and widened to varying widths of 325 to 400 feet. Adverse effects are localized turbidity, destruction or disturbance of benthic communities, and release of some objectionable odors. (Galveston District)
(ELR ORDER # 70915)

Green Bay Harbor, O & M 07/07

Wisconsin
County: Green Bay Brown
This statement proposes the continuation of operation and maintenance activities for the Green Bay Harbor in Wisconsin. It is anticipated that 1,2000,000 cubic yards of sediment classified as unsuitable for unrestricted disposal by Region V, EPA will be removed during an eight year period beginning 1978. A confined disposal facility for this dredged material, with an incorporated effluent filter, will be constructed on a 55 acre water site in Green Bay, approximately 500 feet off-shore of Bay Beach Park. Adverse impacts will be increased levels of air pollution and disturbance of wildlife. (Chicago District)
(ELR ORDER # 70832)

Harbors, Kenosha - Kewaunee, Wisconsin 07/08

Wisconsin
County: Manitowac
The proposed action is the construction of a new recreational boat harbor at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, located on the western shore of Lake Michigan. Project plans call for construction of a new north rubblemound breakwater, removal of the existing breakwater, construction of a bulkhead, and dredging of 81,000 cubic yards. Negative effects will be permanent loss of aquatic and benthic communities in the dredging area, increases in air and noise pollution, and loss of 18 acres of aquatic habitat. (Chicago District)
(ELR ORDER # 70842)

Final Date

Walnut Creek Project 07/27

California
County: Contra Costa
The Walnut Creek project, now 43% complete, consists of construction of rectangular concrete-lined channels and flood control structures in Walnut Creek and the lower

reaches of its principal tributaries. Completed portions of the project have resulted in the elimination of most of the riparian vegetation on the surrounding flood plain and the intensive urbanization in the form of towns, housing developments, shopping centers, roads, and utilities. (Sacramento District)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOI USDA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70911)

Bald Head Island Marina (Permit) 07/01

North Carolina
County: Brunswick
Proposed is the granting of a U.S. Army permit to the Bald Head Island Corporation for the construction of a boat marina and access facilities adjacent to the Cape Fear River at Bald Head Island, North Carolina. The project includes the construction of a marina basin, service facilities, and access channel. The direct impacts of project implementation will be filling of 2.5 acres of high marsh, and alteration of dune marsh ecotone and the aesthetics of the area. (Wilmington District)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA USDA HUD DOC DOI DOT HEW
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70812)

Muskingum River Basin Flood Control System 07/11

Ohio
County: Holmes Richland
Proposed is the continuation of the present operation and management of the Muskingum River Flood Control System of 16 lakes and two local flood protection levees located on the Muskingum River and its tributaries, Ohio. The original 14 lakes were constructed in the 1930's, with the two remaining lakes completed in 1960 and 1971. The two levee projects were completed in 1951 and 1960. Continued operation and management of the system will have minimal adverse effects on the hydraulic behavior of the present river system. (Huntington District)
COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP USDA DOI EPA DOT USCG
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70851)

Dalles to Vancouver Channel, Columbia River 07/25

Oregon Washington
Proposed is the continued maintenance of the navigation channel between Vancouver and The Dalles (River Mile 106 to River Mile 190) on the Columbia River to a 17-foot depth and 300-foot width, and continuation of the present permit process in the same area. Included is the maintenance of

pile dikes and other small navigation projects conducted by the Corps of Engineers within the project area. Locations of previous and future dredge and disposal sites are outlined. Adverse effects include removal of river bottom habitat and organisms. (Portland District)

COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOC DOI FPC AHP USDA
state and local agencies
concerned groups and individuals
(ELR ORDER # 70903)

Supplement — Date

Duluth-Superior Harbor, O&M (S-2) — 07/22

Minnesota
This statement supplements a final EIS filed with CEQ in February 1975. The FEIS proposed two diked dredge disposal facilities to contain all polluted material dredged from the harbor during the next ten years in Duluth, Minnesota. Due to concern over the recommended sites, it is now proposed to construct a single dike dredged disposal facility at the Erie Pier Site in Duluth, Minnesota, for polluted dredged material from the entire harbor.
(St. Paul District)
(ELR ORDER # 70895)

Tallahala Creek Dam and Lake (S-2) — 07/12

Mississippi
The proposed project consists of construction of a 7829 foot dam for the purpose of impounding waters of Tallahala Creek. The action would provide flood control, additional water supply, water quality control, and recreation including fish and wildlife enhancement. Adverse impacts include loss of 4,845 acres of agricultural and forest land and associated wildlife, loss of a free-flowing stream fishery, and disruption of inhabitants of the project area. (Mobile District)
(ELR ORDER # 70864)

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Draft	Date
Bulk Chemical Storage & Distribution, Bordentown	07/19

New Jersey
County: Bordentown
Proposed, by the Dow Chemical Company, is the construction and operation of a bulk chemical storage terminal along the Delaware River in Bordentown Township, New Jersey. Construction would involve dredging 307,000 cubic yards of river sediment to provide access from the channel and to provide a berthing area. Dredge spoil disposal would be to reverine (8 acres) and upland areas. Ocean-going tankers (30 per year) up to 700 feet in length and smaller barges (24 per year) would service the facility. Adverse effects include the slight reduction of air quality around Bordentown Township, and elimination of present terrestrial habitat.
(ELR ORDER #70882)

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Draft — Date

High Flux Neutron Source Facility — 07/17

Washington
County: several
Proposed is an experimental neutron irradiation facility for providing a neutronic environment similar to that anticipated in a fusion power reactor. The Deuterium-Lithium High Flux Neutron Source (HFNS) Facility will be located in the 300 area of the 559-square mile, federally owned Hanford Reservation. The facility will consist of a Test Building and an acceleration Building with interconnecting transport tunnel for the denteron beam. The 300 area is about 0.3 mile from the Columbia River, the water source for the project. Adverse effects are potential releases of small amounts of radioactive gases and unavoidable impacts on land use.
(ELR ORDER # 70916)

Final — Date

Brookhaven National Laboratory — 07/26

New York
County: Suffolk
Proposed is the continued operation of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, Brookhaven Town, New York. Twenty acres of the 5265-acre site may not be suitable for future uses because of contamination. Research and development activities of the laboratory require the use of 200 million kWh of electricty and 7 million gallons of fossilfuels annually. Radioactive contamination risk is considered to be small.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA DOT NSF HEW DOI EPA
state and local agencies
concerned interest groups
(ELR ORDER # 70918)

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Draft — Date

Greensboro-Guilford Co. 201 Wastewater System — 07/22

North Carolina
County: Greensboro Guilford
The proposed project consists of construction of the necessary facilities to process and treat approximately 36 million gallons per day of wastewater for the Greensboro-Guilford County area in North Carolina. Plans call for the upgrading of the existing North Buffalo Creek Treatment Plant to tertiary treatment at 16 MGD, abandonment of the So. Buffalo Creek Treatment Plant, and construction of a 60-inch diameter outfall from that plant location to a new 20 MGD plant located 26,000 feet downstream on South Buffalo Creek. Important adverse secondary impacts include increased flooding and the necessity for potentially unsound flood control. (Region IV)
(ELR ORDER # 70894)

Coleto Creek Power Sta. & Cooling Reservoir — 07/27

Texas
County: Goliad
Proposed is the issuance of a New Source NPDES permit for the discharge of sanitary and cooling water effluents from Central Power and Light Company's proposed Coleto Creek Power Station. Central Power and Light Co. proposes to build a two-unit, coal-fired power plant (ultimate load capacity, 1100 MW) in eastern Goliad County, which would be designed to help meet load projections and diversify the fuel base of CPL. Unit 1 is scheduled for completion in 1979, and Unit 2 between 1986 and 1988. (Region VI)
(ELR ORDER # 70913)

Final — Date

Los Angeles County Joint Outfall System — 07/11

California
County: Los Angeles
This statement covers the environmental impacts of alternative plans for water pollution control for the joint sanitation districts of Los Angeles County, California. This report will affect the future of the sewer and treatment plant network known as the Joint Outfall System. This network processes and disposes of wastewater (sewage from home and business and liquid industrial wastes) for over

half of Los Angeles County's residents, more than three and one-half million people. The selected plan is a modification of the "Emphasize Inland Treatment and Water Reuse" alternative. (Region IX)
COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP FPC USDA EPA COE DOI GSA DOI DOC HEW state and local agencies concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70854)

Supplement	Date
W. Contra Costa Co. Wastewater Management (S-1)	07/01

California
County: Contra Costa
This statement supplements a final EIS filed with CEQ in January 1977. The project is designed to: provide wastewater treatment for wet weather infiltration-inflow flows to the San Pablo Sanitary District treatment plant, rehabilitate or replace some treatment facilities at the SPSD, and provide a sludge transport pipeline from the Richmond treatment plant to the SPSD and regional solid waste handling facilities at the SPSD. Construction impacts will result. (Region 9)
(ELR ORDER # 70810)

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Final — Date

Central Rock Mine, SPR — 07/29

Kentucky
County: Fayette
The proposed project involves the implementation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Title I, Part B, of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.O. 94-163). This action is part of the Early Storage Reserve and proposes to store 14 million barrels of oil in an underground limestone mine located in Lexington, Kentucky. The proposed storage of oil at Central Rock Mine would be implemented at an existing underground limestone mine presently owned and operated by the Central Rock Company. Adverse socio-economic impacts may result if the limestone mine is closed temporarily.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOC HEW DOD NRC
state agencies
(ELR ORDER # 70927)

Ironton Mine, SPR — 07/15

Ohio
County: Lawrence
This project involves the implementation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Title I, Part B, of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-163). The present action is part of the Early Storage Reserve and proposes to store 21 million barrels of oil in an underground limestone mine located near Ironton, Ohio. The proposed storage of oil at Ironton Mine would be implemented at an abandoned underground limestone mine presently owned by the Alpha-Portland Cement Company.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA USA DOC HEW DOT TREA EPA FPC NPC
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70871)

Supplement — Date

Bryan Mound Salt Dome - SPR (S-1) — 07/15

Texas
County: Brazoria
This statement supplements a final EIS filed with CEQ in

January 1977. The FEIS evaluated the development of the Bryan Mound Salt Dome as a storage site for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. It has been determined that the original brine disposal and water supply systems proposed would be inadequate for long term requirements for filling and withdrawing oil at the site. This supplement discusses the construction and operation of two types of brine disposal systems and a new water supply system. (ELK ORDER # 70872)

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TAPCO Project — 07/11

Maine

The action discussed in this statement relates to a proposal by Tenneco Atlantic Pipeline Co. (TAPCO), to import natural gas at the U.S.-Canadian border near Calais, Maine. This gas would be shipped as LNG from Algeria to New Brunswick. After vaporization, the gas would be transported to the U.S.-Canada border near Calais, where it would be purchased by TAPCO. The applications discussed in this EIS would authorize the construction and operation of 495 miles of TAPCO pipeline and related appurtenance required to transport this imported gas from Calais, Maine, to Milford, Pennsylvania.
(ELR ORDER # 70847)

Solomon Gulch Project — 07/26

Alaska

Proposed is the issuance of a license to the Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc., authorizing the enlargement of the present dam at Solomon Lake, construction of a penstock, powerhouse, transmission line and ancillary facilities, and the operation of these project works for electric power supply to service areas in and around the Towns of Valdez and Glenhallen, Alaska. The dam and powerhouse, with generating equipment having a rated capacity of 12,000-kW, would be located on Solomon Gulch Creek, approximately 4 miles south of Valdez. Adverse effects include the permanent alteration of about 440 acres of wildlife habitat.
(ELR ORDER # 70908)

Matagorda Bay Project — 07/01

Texas

County: several

Proposed is the approval of applications filed by El Paso Eastern Co., El Paso LNG Terminal Co., El Paso Natural Gas Co., United LNG Co., and United Gas Pipe Line Co. These applications relate directly or indirectly to a proposal by El Paso Eastern Co. to import LNG from Algeria to a terminal to be located in the vicinity of Port O'Connor, Texas, on Matagorda Bay. Approval would authorize construction and operation of facilities necessary to unload, store, revaporize, and distribute the imported LNG.
(ELR ORDER # 70814)

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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Draft	Date
Fluorocarbons: Env. and Health Implications	07/08

Proposed is the prohibition of non-essential use of chlorofluorocarbons as propellants in aerosolized containers in products subject to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The Commissioner of FDA has concluded that the continued use of chlorofluorocarbon propellants poses an unreasonable risk of long-term biological and climatic impacts. The regulations apply to the following products: human food, food additives, human drugs, including biological products, animal food, animal drugs, cosmetics, and medical devices. Among other beneficial effects, the regulation will cause a reduction of the steady state ozone depletion levels.
(ELR ORDER # 70840)

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Westlake, Glendale Heights — 07/12

Illinois
County: Du Page
Proposed is the granting of FHA/HUD home mortgage insurance for Westlake, a partially completed planned unit development located in the Villages of Glendale Heights and Bloomingdale, Illinois. This application is for 180 multi-family apartment units that comprise an intermediate stage of the development, which will eventually total 4,035 units. The action will result in increased air pollution, depletion of ground water, and an increased burden on the existing school system.
(ELR ORDER # 70862)

Huntington Park Subdivision, Unit 2 — 07/11

Louisiana
County: Ouachita
The proposed action is for HUD to accept the 69.5-acre Unit 2 of the Huntington Park Subdivision near Monroe, Louisiana, for home mortgage insurance. The development will provide 191 new houses for moderate-income families in a suburban subdivision setting. The major adverse effect will be the conversion of approximately 70 acres of land now used primarily for agricultural purposes. A portion of the project site is located wholly within the "Discretionary-Normally Unacceptable" noise zone, and 45 percent of the site is located within a 100-year flood zone.
(ELR ORDER # 70848)

Highlands North Subdivision — 07/20

Nebraska
County: Lincoln
Proposed is the approval of the Highlands North Subdivision in Lincoln, Nebraska for FHA/HUD home mortgage insurance. Plans call for the development of 1085 acres into single-family lots, apartments, industrial parks, commercial facilities, office park, and public service areas. Major adverse effects include loss of agricultural land, alteration of the biotic community, increased

County: Los Angeles
Proposed is the development of 1,100 units of housing for low income elderly and handicapped in Los Angeles, California. Development will include a multipurpose service center, retail commercial space, and parking garages for an estimated population of 1500. The project is located in the Central Business District of Los Angeles and within the Bunker Hill Urban Development Project. Increased levels of air pollution from fugitive dust emissions and increased levels of noise may be expected during construction.
COMMENTS MADE BY: HEW
state and local agencies
concerned groups and individuals
(ELR ORDER # 70923)

Vista Verde Subdivision, Dade Co. 07/20

Florida
County: Dade
Proposed is the development of a subdivision project, Vista Verde, located 14 miles northwest of Miami, Florida. The 240-acre project will include 142 single family detached residences, 306 cluster residences, 833 townhouse units, and a 12-acre school-park site. The completion of the development will create additional demand on utilities, and municipal and community services and facilities. Other impacts include increases in surface water run-off, congestion of traffic, and increases in air and noise pollution.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA FPC DOD AHP GSA DOT
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70890)

Wedgewood Estates Subdivision 07/06

Pennsylvania
County: Chester
Proposed is the development of the 213-acre Wedgewood Estates, which is located 40 miles west of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The project will consist of 509 townhouses, 50 twin, and 80 quadraplex units on 38 acres. Dedicated R.O.W. and easements will use an additional 8 acres. The remaining 167 acres are to be controlled under a Homeowners Association and will be used for service roads, parking areas, open space, and recreational areas. The principle adverse effects are related to increased traffic and demand for community facilities.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI EPA VA DOT USDA DRBC
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70827)

West Campus Community, King Co. 07/15

Washington
County: King
Proposed is the development of West Campus, a 1600-acre planned community in South King County, Washington. The Quadrant Corporation has requested HUD/FHA subdivision approval for mortgage insurance for 508 single family lots and open space. The total development proposes 6,325 single and multifamily residential units. Negative impacts include erosion and sedimentation and increased demand on public services and infrastructure.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA COE EPA HEW DOI DOT
state and local agencies
(ELR ORDER # 70902)

Section 104(h)

Draft Date

Mena, Ark. - Water Construction Projects 07/12

Arkansas
County: Polk
Proposed is the completion of an on-going water construction program in the city of Mena, Arkansas. Specifically, the improvements to be constructed consist of approximately 82,250 lineal feet of water lines, a pump station, two pressure reducing stations and approximately 50 fire hydrants. The water lines vary in size from 12- to 6-inch. Adverse impacts include temporary construction phase inconveniences and fire hydrant intrusions.
(ELR ORDER # 70865)

Vallejo, Cal. -- Vallejo River Park 07/26

California
County: Solano
Proposed is the development of a neighborhood-community park located in northwest Vallejo, adjacent to Mare Island Strait in Solano County, California. The site is 3,800 feet in length and about 630 feet in average width, with approximately one half mile of water frontage. The Park will total approximately 75 acres and will be known as River Park. Phase One will include tennis courts, softball complex, and overlook picnic area; Phase Two will include the east picnic area, children's playground, and miscellaneous facilities.
(ELR ORDER # 70910)

Corcoran, Cal. -- Corcoran Fringe Wastewater Facility 07/27

California
County: Kings
Proposed is the use of Federal funds for the Corcoran Fringe Wastewater Facilities Project. The project will provide a community wastewater collection system in Corcoran, California at an estimated cost of 3.3 million dollars. Short term impacts include: noise, dust, and vibration; possible excavation damage to trees and shrubs; and traffic delays and inconveniences. Long term impacts include consumption of electrical energy and the potential for development of vacant parcels.
(ELR ORDER # 70912)

Lehi City, Uta. - Sewer Sys. Improvements 07/20

Utah
County: Utah
The proposed project is construction of a sewer collection system and transmission line on the west side of Lehi City to serve approximately 120 homes presently using septic tanks. A high groundwater level in the area has caused many of the septic systems to fail and a serious health hazard now exists. Short term adverse effects will be generated by the construction of the project and land use changes will take place as agricultural land is used for development projects.
(ELR ORDER # 70891)

Petersburg, Va. - Graham Rd. Improvements 07/08

Virginia
The proposed project consists of the widening and extension of Graham Road between Crater Road and Halifax Street in Petersburg, Virginia. The action involves two stages: the improvement of the road between the I-85 overpass and Sycamore Street and the replacement of a box culvert in Lieutenant Run; and construction of the remainder of the project. Long-term impacts will be demolition of 21 structures, relocation of between 60 and 75 residents, and closing of some existing streets.
(ELR ORDER # 70841)

Final Date

Humacao, P.R. - Roig Community Sewer System 07/07

Puerto Rico
Proposed is the construction of a sanitary sewer system in the Roig Community in the Municipality of Humacao, Puerto Rico. The project consists of the installation of approximately 5,068 linear meters of 8-inch diameter concrete pipes

along the streets of the Roig Community and the construction of a temporary sewage treatment plant with a 0.09 mgd capacity, to discharge into the Coto Mabu Creek. This system would eliminate privies and septic tanks currently being utilized for sanitary waste disposal, and would benefit approximately 1,500 persons.
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA
(ELR ORDER # 70834)

Renton, Wa. - Cedar River Trail System 07/07

Washington
County: King
Proposed is the construction of a continuous multi-use recreational system along the Cedar River from the mouth of the river at Lake Washington to the proposed King County Park, adjacent to the Maplewood Golf Course five miles up river. The project is to be completed in phases and includes three different environmental zones: the Industrial/Park Zone, the Urban Zone, and the Natural Zone. These areas fall directly within Census Tracts 253,256, and 257. Adverse impacts are expected to be minimal.
COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP DOI EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70597)

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final — Date

Tesuque Indian Pueblo — 07/18

New Mexico
County: Santa Fe
Proposed is the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of a 99-year lease for 1,342 acres and an option to lease an additional 4,060 acres between Sangre De Cristo Development Co., Inc, and the Tesque Indian Pueblo. A residential community will be developed for approximately 16,000 people. Impacts will consist of development of a population in an area having none, increased use of water, emissions from home heating systems, sewage discharges, and increased traffic exhaust emissions.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI EPA DOT
state and county agencies
interested parties
(ELR ORDER # 70875)

Bureau of Land Management

Draft — Date

Rio Puerco Livestock Grazing Program — 07/28

New Mexico
County: Sandoval McKinley
Proposed is the initiation of an intensive livestock grazing management program through the implementation of Allotment Management Plans on 393,083 acres of public land in the Rio Puerco Resource Area, Albuquerque District. The proposed action would include consolidation of 96 existing allotments into 61. Grazing systems which reserve sufficient forage for wildlife would be implemented and range improvements would be constructed to facilitate these systems. By the year 2000, the proposed action would approximately double forage production in the Rio Puerco ES Area.
(ELR ORDER # 70921)

Final — Date

Sierra Pacific Power Co. - 230/345 kv Transmission — 07/11

Idaho Nevada
The proposed action is the construction of a 230/345 kv transmission line from Oreana, Nevada to Hunt, Idaho. Depending on the route selected, total distance varies between 286 and 360 miles. The project includes construction of a substation and upgrading of two substations. Among negative impacts will be an increment of damage to soil on from 276 to 843 acres, disruption of land and aquatic wildlife habitat and effects on the visual and recreation resource values of the area.

COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP COE DOI DOT
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70849)

Bonneville Power Administration

Draft Date

BPA Role in Pacific NW Power Supply System 07/22

This programmatic DEIS discusses continued participation by BPA in regional inter-utility cooperation. This includes such functions as providing bulk power transmission, peak resources from hydro, load growth and forced outage reserves, and leadership in energy conservation. Also analyzed is BPA's participation in the integration of thermal plants, provision of forced outage reserves, and provision of transmission services.
(ELR ORDER # 70896)

Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife

Final Date

San Francisco Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge 07/05

California
County: Alameda San Mateo Santa Clara
Proposed is the acquisition of 23,000 acres of land for a national wildlife refuge in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties, California. The project is designed to protect fish and wildlife in the south San Francisco Bay Region and to provide opportunities for wildlife oriented recreation and nature study. As part of the proposal, the Leslie Salt Co. would be permitted to continue using certain salt ponds to produce salt through the solar evaporation process. Impacts on the environment are expected to be favorable.
COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP DOD DOT EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70822)

National Park Service

Draft — Date

Buffalo National River — 07/07

Arkansas
Proposed is congressional designation of 10,529 acres of federal land within the authorized boundary of the Buffalo National River as wilderness. Plans also call for the designation of 25,471 acres of non federal lands as potential wilderness additions. The proposal involves 3 separate units and aggregation of 36,000 acres. Beneficial environmental impacts are anticipated.
(ELR ORDER # 70831)

Final — Date

Wilson's Creek Nat'l Battlefield, Master Plan — 07/11

Missouri
County: Greene Christian
Proposed is the adoption of a master plan to guide the development, management, and use of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Implementation of the plan will protect and perpetuate the Battlefield and provide the visitor services contemplated by the establishment legislation. Adverse effects of the action are primarily short term and will be minimized. Developments such as interior road will destroy vegetation species with minimal effects upon wildlife and aesthetics, and closure of the existing country road across the area will pose a minor inconvenience to a few persons residing immediately adjacent to the Battlefield.
COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA DOI EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70846)

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Beryllium - Proposed Standards for Exposure 07/08

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposes to limit employee exposure to beryllium, a toxic substance known to produce both acute and chronic disease and suspected of being a human carcinogen. The proposal establishes a permissable exposure limit of 1.0 ug/m3 (averaged over an 8-hour work day) and a ceiling limit of 5.0 ug/m3 (measured over a 15-minute sampling period). The workplace environment and the general human environment are discussed in the statement.
(ELR ORDER # 70843)

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Final — Date

Subsonic Wind Tunnel Mod, Ames Research Center — 07/11

California
County: Santa Clara
Proposed is the modification of the existing 40- X 80-foot subsonic wind tunnel at Ames Research Center, Moffet Field, California, to provide a national facility for testing full-scale aircraft systems under simulated flight conditions. Tunnel construction activities will be divided into two phases: ground clearance and excavation activities, and tunnel erection and fabrication. These construction activities are expected to encompass an approximate 21-month period. Associated adverse effects include decrease in habitat and increases in levels of air pollution emission and noise.
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOI AHP DOT HUD
interested parties
(ELR ORDER # 70644)

Ames Research Center - Institutional — 07/11

California
This statement supersedes the original Institutional Environmental Impact Statement for Ames Research Center, California, dated July 1971. It describes the current mission, facilities, community settings, and environmental effects associated with the present baseline activities at the installation. The major adverse impact is the noise imposed upon the surrounding communities by the operation of certain wind tunnels.
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA USN DOI AHP DOT
state and local agencies
(ELR ORDER # 70928)

Supplement — Date

Langley Research Center (S-1) — 07/19

Virginia
This statement supplements a final EIS filed with CEQ in August 1971. The proposed action is the construction and operation at the NASA Langley Research Center of a steam-generating facility fueled by refuse. The facility will conserve fossil fuels by burning refuse instead of fuel oil and will provide a means of disposing of refuse while

reducing requirements for sanitary landfill areas. An area of 3.6 acres of sweet gum-dominated forest will be cleared and construction activities will cause short term impacts. (ELR ORDER # 70883)

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Final — Date

Passenger Auto Average Fuel Economy — 07/05

Proposed is the establishment of Average Fuel Economy Standards for passenger automobiles which are manufactured in Model Years 1981 through 1984. The term "passenger automobile"impliesany automobile which the Secretary determines, by rule, is manufactured primarily for use in the transportation of not more than 10 individuals. Included in this proposal are large station wagons which exceed 6,000 lbs. gross weight, but do not exceed 10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. The Secretary of Transportation has prescribed the following fuel economy standards for model years 1981-84: 22 mpg for 1981, 24 mpg for 1982, 26 mpg for 1983, and 27 mpg for 1984.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI FPA HEW ERDA
interested groups and persons
(ELR ORDER # 70818)

Vehicle Occupant Crash Protection (2) — 07/05

This statement is a modification of a draft EIS filed with CEQ in July, 1976. Proposed are three alternative actions to protect motor vehicle occupants from death or injury resulting from traffic accidents. These proposals are (1) to continue the existing version of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208 which requires either seat belts, or passive restraints, or a combination of the two; (2) to require states to take action to increase seat belt use; or, (3) to require that manufacturers provide passive restraints on all cars. The Secretary of Transportation has determined to follow the recommendations outlined in the third alternative.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOC DOT EPA HEW
interested groups and persons
(ELR ORDER # 70820)

Federal Aviation Administration

Draft — Date

Yap District Airport Improvement — 07/06

T. Territory
The proposed action is the improvement of Yap District

Airport in the Yap District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Project plans call for the following changes: rotation of the runway six degrees counter clockwise, construction of a new paved 6,900 X 150 ft. runway, provision of a graded area centered on the runway and extended runway safety areas, installation of navigational aids, construction of a fire, crash, and rescue building, and other improvements. Total development requires acquisition of 301.5 acres of land and relocation of 25 individuals.
(ELR ORDER # 70824)

Final — Date

Ocean City Airport Expansion, Md. — 07/12

Maryland
County: Worcester
Proposed is the expansion of the existing aviation airport in Ocean City, Maryland. The project consists of acquisition of 154 acres of land; construction of a new 3200' X 75' runway, a 1000' X 75' extension to the existing runway, taxiways, and an apron expansion; relocation of a portion of S.R. 611; closing of the existing roadway; and improvement of alternate access to a trailer park. Implementation of the plan will result in the relocation of 4 homes and 50 trailers and the clearing of 124 acres of oak-pine forest.

COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOI DOT USDA DOD DOC FPC
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70859)

Chemung County Airport, Big Flats — 07/12

New York
County: Chemung
Proposed is a project for various improvements at the Chemung County Airport near Elmira, New York. Project plans call for the following: (1) extension and strengthening of Runway 6-24, (2) extension of parallel taxiway, (3) relocation of NAV-AIDS, (4) acquisition of 161 acres for clear zones, (5) relocation of a creek, (6) installation of new runway and taxiway lighting, and (7) the removal and replacement of approach lighting. Adverse effects include loss of approximately 21 acres of farmland, and the relocation of two families.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOT HUD EPA DOI COE USDA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70861)

Truk District Airport, Caroline Islands — 07/28

T. Territory
County: Caroline Isles Truk

The statement refers to the development of the Truk District Airport. The project involves repositioning the existing runway to the northwest such that the new centerline coincides with the northwest edge of the existing runway. The development also includes extending and paving the runway to 6,000 ft. with provisions for an additional 900 ft. extension, perimeter fencing and the construction of a protective structure to ensure against possible wave overtopping during typhoons. The adverse impacts of the project are the loss of agricultural land, the loss of naturally occurring coral and fish habitat, and the increase in air and noise pollution associated with the airport.
COMMENTS MADE BY: COE HEW USCG EPA USDA HUD USN USA
local agencies
interested groups
(ELR ORDER # 70919)

Federal Highway Administration

Draft	Date
Ala. Hwy. 35, Rainsville - Fort Paine	07/13

Alabama
County: De Kalb
The proposed project consists of the widening, improving and/or relocating of Alabama Highway No. 35 in De Kalb County, Alabama. The 15.5-mile facility will extend from a point 1 mile east of Rainsville to a point 2.2 miles East of Fort Payne. Plans call for a four-lane divided rural highway except for 3 miles, through urban areas, which will be either an undivided five-lane urban type facility or four-lane with a raised concrete or grassed median. The project will require the relocation of between 38 and 71 residences. (Region 4)
(ELR ORDER # 70867)

White River Bridge at St. Charles 07/07

Arkansas
County: Monroe
Proposed is construction of a new bridge on Arkansas Highway #1 across the White River at St. Charles. The project will also provide approximately 7 miles of approaches through the White River National Wildlife Refuge, which is a section 4(f) property. Three location alternatives are considered for the bridge. Adverse impacts include increased air and noise pollution and destruction of 14 acres of wetlands. (Region 6)
(ELR ORDER # 70838)

Death Valley Rd., S.R. 168 to D. Valley Nat'l Mon. 07/06

California
County: Inyo

Proposed is the improvement of Death Valley Road, RS-W658, which extends about 62.4 miles from S.R. 168 near Big Pine to the northerly boundary of Death Valley National Monument near Ubehebe Crater in Inyo County, California. Plans call for the pavement of portions which are now gravel, realignment of isolated sections, and upgrading of the roadway to increase safety. The project will displace 44 acres of vegetation and wildlife, and will increase noise, litter and secondary air pollution. (Region 9)
(ELR ORDER # 70826)

S.R. 166 & S.R. 61, Carrollton Bypass to I-20 07/07

Georgia
County: Carroll
Proposed is the improvement of S.R. 166 and S.R. 61 in Carrol County, Georgia. The project consists of the widening and upgrading of the two routes, beginning at the Carrollton Bypass following S.R. 166 east to the intersection of S.R. 61, and then following S.R. 61 northeast to the intersection of Interstate 20. Adverse effects include displacement of homes and businesses, short term erosion and siltation, and increases in air and noise pollution.
(Region 4)
(ELR ORDER # 70835)

S.R. 18 Improvement near Marion 07/11

Illinois
County: Grant
This statement proposes a highway improvement which would upgrade State Road 18 near Marion, Illinois. The project would begin at the Norfolk and Western Railroad on 3rd and 4th Streets and extend east approximately 2.0 miles to the completed four-lane rural limited access facility constructed under another project. The action would result in displacement of some residences and businesses, severence of some agricultural land, and reduction in wildlife habitat. (Region 5)
(ELR ORDER # 70852)

Neb. Hwy. 12, Niobrara 07/14

Nebraska
County: Knox
The proposed action consists of improving and relocating Nebraska Highway 12 through the relocated townsite of Niobrara, Nebraska. Project plans call for the construction of a 2.8 mile segment of two-lane highway from just west of the Mormon Canal Bridge in Knox County, Nebraska, to one mile east of Niobrara including widening Mormon Canal Bridge and a replacement bridge across the Niobrara River. Some impact on local wildlife is anticipated and approximately four acres from present Niobrara State Park will be needed to construct the replacement bridge.
(ELR ORDER # 70870)

9.5 Mile N.H. Route 101 Relocation 07/26

New Hampshire
County: Rockingham
Proposed is the relocation of 9.5 miles of New Hampshire Route 101 from, roughly, Interstate Route 93 in Manchester to Interstate Route 95 in Hampton. Project termini are N.H. Route 101 approximately 2 miles west of Candia Center and N.H. Route 101 approximately 1.5 miles east of the town of Raymond. The road will be an ultimate 4-lane facility, passing through rural wooded land. Adverse effects include acquisition of 260 acres of land and the relocation of two homes, one mobile home, one cabin, and two storage trailers. (Region 1)
(ELR ORDER # 70905)

S.R. 27, I-24 to S.R. 28 07/06

Tennessee
County: Marion
Proposed is the construction of a section of S.R. 27 from I-24 south of Jasper to Whitwell, in Marion County. The project begins at I-24 south of Jasper and extends in a northeasterly direction on new location to new S.R. 28 at Whitwell. The facility will be a 2- or 4-lane highway with a 48 foot median and a minimum right-of-way of 250 feet. Negative effects include displacement of residences, loss of natural resources, and increases in air and noise pollution. (Region 4)
(ELR ORDER # 70830)

S.R. 153, Hixson Pike Connector to So. RR 07/12

Tennessee
County: Hamilton
The proposed action is the construction of Federal Aid Urban (FAU) Route 603 (formerly FA-94 Spur), S.R. 153, in Hamilton County and within the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The project begins at the interchange of FAU 603 and the Hixson Pike Connector south of Hamill Road and extends northeastward accross existing S.R. 153 to the Southern Railroad. Negative effects include displacement of residences and businesses, reduction of open space zoned industrial area, and increases in air and noise pollution. (Region 4)
(ELR ORDER # 70860)

S.R. 509, Pacific Ave. to Port of Tacoma Rd. 07/06

Washington
County: Pierce
Proposed is the improvement of two sections of S.R. 509 in

the city of Tacoma, Washington. The project area consists of a 1.3 mile north-south section, which lies within a corridor in the vicinity of "A" Street on the west side of City Waterway, and a 2.3 mile east-west section which lies in the corridor in the vicinity of South 20th Street. Adverse effects include relocation of businesses, utilities and one residential unit, some removal of vegetation, conflict with redevelopment plans around Union Station, and increases in air and noise pollution. (Region 10)
(ELR ORDER # 70829)

Final — Date

Williams Freeway, Units I & II & Interstate Free. — 07/11

Arizona
County: Coconino
The statement concerns a 5.4 mile section of I-40 approximately .5 mile north of the City of Williams, Arizona. The project provides for the construction of two divided 38-foot roadways with an interchange in West Williams at Second Street and three railroad overpasses. The facility will require right-of-way on largely unimproved land.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI EPA DOT USA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70855)

West 10th Street, I-465 to West Street — 07/06

Indiana
County: Marion
The proposed action consists of the upgrading to primary arterial status of West 10th Street from its intersection with I-465 east to its intersection with West Street. The only portion of the Proposed Action scheduled for improvement at this time is the bridge over the White R. and its approaches. Adverse effects include displacement of homes and businesses, severence of community activities, and possible undesirable development of adjacent areas. (Region 5)

COMMENTS MADE BY: USDA EPA DOT DOI
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70828)

Freeway 520, Black Hawk & Grundy Counties — 07/01

Iowa
County: Grundy Black Hawk
The proposed project involves the construction of a segment of Freeway 520 in Black Hawk and Grundy Counties. The 4 lane facility will have a total length of 12.3 miles. Adverse impacts include the diversion of 800 acres of land

to right-of-way, displacement of 22 homes and buildings, and increased air and noise pollution. A 4(f) determination is included concerning the Black Hawk Creek Greenbelt.

COMMENTS MADE BY: HEW USDA DOI EPA COE
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70813)

US 27, Flatrock to Greenwood 07/14

Kentucky
County: McCreary
The project consists of the improvement of US 27 from Flat Rock to Greenwood, a distance of 6 miles, to a 2-lane facility with stabilized shoulders the truck passing lanes. Adverse impacts include the displacement of 10 families and one business, a serious threat of excessive erosion and sedimentation, undesirable aesthetic effects,and minimal increases in noise and air pollutants.
(Region 4)
COMMENTS MADE BY: HEW EPA DOI USDA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70868)

Pikeville-Wmsville Rd, U.S.119, U.S. 23 to Caney Branch 07/19

Kentucky
County: Pike
The proposed action is the construction of a section of highway to connect the cities of Pikeville and Zebulon in Kentucky. The 3.55-mile segment of U.S. 119 will be a 4-lane, partial controlled access section of Appalachian Development Highway Corridor "G". Known as the "Buckley Creek Corridor," it will begin at U.S. 23 and extend to Caney Branch. Negative effects include loss of land suitable for wildlife habitat, development, and agricultural uses; displacement of families and businesses; and construction impacts. (Region 4)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOI USDA FPC AHP
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70885)

SH 641, US 61 to I-10, St. James Parish 07/20

Louisiana
County: St. James
The proposed action involves the construction of a 3.06 mile extension of State Highway 641 from US 61 (Airline Highway) approximately one mile east of the town of Gramercy, northward on new location to I-10. The action includes the construction of a diamond interchange with I-10 with access only to the south. The project will

irreversibly replace 95 acres of cypress-tupelo swamp, and temporarily change 130 acres of swamp to drier forest. There will be some temporary increases in air, water, and noise pollution. (Region 6)
COMMENTS MADE BY: COE DOC DOI FPC HEW EPA DOT GSA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70887)

Relocated S.R. 32 (Patuxent Freeway) 07/11

Maryland
County: Howard Anne Arundel
Proposed is construction of a section of Relocated Maryland Route 32 and Relocated Route 32 Spur, in Howard County, Maryland. The 10.4-mile facility will begin at Maryland Route 108 at Clarksville and extend to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Fort George G. Meade in Anne Arundel County. A 4(f) statement is included for 2 historical properties affected by this action. The project will result in higher levels of air and noise pollution. (Region 3)
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI DOD USDA EPA
state and local agencies
(ELR ORDER # 70853)

I-391 Chicopee-Holyoke 07/07

Massachusetts
County: Hampden
The proposed action consists of construction of I-391 for a distance of approximately 5 miles from Chicopee to Holyoke. The project will be a six-lane divided highway with shoulders including two six-lane river crossings. Adverse impacts are the displacement of 64 residences and 19 businesses, increased noise levels, and temporary construction disruption. (Region 1)
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI COE DOC HEW DOD TREA EPA USCG USDA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70836)

I-55, Woodrow Wilson Dr. to I-220, Jackson 07/12

Mississippi
County: Hinds Madison
Proposed is the modification and alteration of the existing Interstate No. 55 located largely within the city limits of Jackson, Mississippi. The project is approximately 6 miles in length and extends in a northerly direction from Woodrow Wilson Drive in Jackson to Interstate No. 220. Construction is to take place on existing right of way where feasible; however, approximately 22 acres of additional right of way will be required. Six families

and 14 businesses will be forced to relocate.
(Region 4)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOI USDA HUD
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70857)

U.S. 95 and I-515 Spur, East Leg 07/25

Nevada
County: Clark
Proposed is the construction of a 20-mile segment of U.S.95 from Las Vegas to an unincorporated area of Clark County. The leg has been declared a Federal Aid Priority Primary Route. Part of the segment has been approved as a spur of I-15 (I-515 Spur). Adverse effects include the acquisition of 600 acres resulting in the loss of natural vegetation, wildlife habitat and an expanse of open desert terrain in the Las Vegas Valley, the relocation of many families and businesses, loss of low-income housing, increased air and noise pollution, and an undetermined impact on one archaeological site.
COMMENTS MADE BY: COE HEW DOI EPA
state and local agencies
concerned interest groups
(ELR ORDER # 70904)

N.H. Rte. 9, Sullivan-Nelson-Stoddard 07/26

New Hampshire
County: Cheshire
Proposed is the improvement of a deficient two-lane section of N.H. Route 9 located in the communities of Sullivan, Nelson,and Stoddard. Four two-lane corridors will be constructed on new location with a minimum 200 foot controlled access right-of-way. The adverse impacts include acquisition of property, residences and businesses, increased noise levels and intrusion upon conservation areas, wetlands and wildlife habitat. (Region 1)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA DOI HUD USDA COE FPC AHP
state and local agencies
conservation groups
(ELR ORDER # 70907)

Route 169, from Route 5 to NY State Line 07/19

New York
County: Herkimer
The project proposes construction of a two-lane arterial highway, on new location, to replace a section of Route 169 in Herkimer County, between the City of Little Falls

East-West Arterial (Route 5), and the New York State Thruway (I-90) Interchange 29A. The preferred alternative would require no displacement of residences or businesses. Piers would have to be placed near the confluence of the Mohawk River and Barge Canal, to minimize possible inhibition of ice flow and resultant ice jams. (Region 1)
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOT FPC COE EPA USDA HUD DOI DOC
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70881)

I-505 - Industrial Freeway, Oregon 07/25

Oregon
County: Multnomah
The proposed freeway project is located in the northwest section of Portland, Oregon's Northwest Industrial District and would consist of a 3-mile long, 4-lane elevated interstate freeway spur (i-505) connecting Interstate 405 to St. Helens Road (U.S. 30). Adverse impacts are the relocation of several families and the costs incurred by business and industrial firms forced to vacate their premises during construction. Noise and air pollution levels will also be increased.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI DOT EPA
state and local agencies
concerned persons and groups
(ELR ORDER # 70901)

S.R. 29, S.R. 27 Spur-S.R. 153 07/20

Tennessee
County: Hamilton
The proposed highway improvement involves the construction of State Route 29 which is a section of Appalachian Corridor "J" in Hamilton County, Tennessee. The proposed cross-section for this highway project consists of four 12' traffic lanes, with a 64' median on a minimum right-of-way width of 300'. Depending upon the alternate chosen, 37 to 62 families will be displaced by project implementation. Noise and air pollution will be introduced into areas relatively free from these sources of pollution. (Region 4)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA TVA HEW HUD DOI USDA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70889)

Inter-City Route, Odessa to Midland 07/19

Texas
County: Ector Midland
The proposed action will provide for a 4-lane freeway-type inter-city route between Odessa and Midland. The project will extend from near the junction of Parkway Boulevard and

Spur 492 in Odessa, northeasterly approximately 14 miles to SH 153 and FM 1369 in Midland. Adverse impacts of the project include the displacement of one family and six businesses, the conversion of pastureland to paved roadways, and increased pollution and noise along the right-of-way. (Region 6)
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOT HEW COE USDA DOI EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70897)

Loop 1 (Mo Pac Blvd.) - South Section 07/29

Texas
County: Travis
The statement refers to the construction of a 4.3 mile section of Loop 1 (Mo Pac Boulevard) from R.M. Highway 2244 south to U.S. Highway 290 West, southwest of the city of Austin, Texas in Travis County. This is a proposed six-lane freeway facility having frontage roads in selected areas as required to control access and establish local traffic travel. The proposed project will require the relocation of one business, consume 315 acres of open, undeveloped land, and cause air and noise pollution during construction. (Region 6)
COMMENTS MADE BY: HEW HUD COE USDA DOI EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70925)

Loop 1 (Mo Pac Blvd.) - North Section 07/29

Texas
County: Travis
The 5.7 mile section of Loop 1 considered in this statement is the northern portion of a 16.5 mile north-south freeway which traverses the City of Austin. The project extends from F.M. Highway 1325, south to 0.2 mile north of R.M. 2222 (Northland Drive). Development of the six-lane, controlled access facility will require the relocation of five businesses and four residences.
(Region 6)
COMMENTS MADE BY: HEW COE USDA DOI EPA
state and local agencies
(ELR ORDER # 70926)

I-70, Sevier Valley 07/07

Utah
County: Sevier
Proposed is the construction of 32 miles of 4-lane, divided I-70 between Clear Creek Canyon and Salina Canyon, Utah. The facility would be a 4-lane freeway extending from

Sevier Junction on the south to Salina on the north, bounded on both sides by mountains. A major impact will be the shift in local employment away from agricultural to tourism, energy extraction, and commerce. (Region 8)
COMMENTS MADE BY: AHP USDA DOC HUD DOI DLAB EPA ICC
state and lcoal agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70837)

I-464, Chesapeake and Norfolk, Va. 07/12

Virginia
Proposed is construction of a 4.715-mile section of I-464 in Chesapeake and Norfolk, Virginia. The project begins .928 mile north of the intersection of Route 64 in Chesapeake, generally traverses the area in a northerly direction, and terminates .101 mile south of the south end of the Berkely Bridge in Norfolk. The facility will require relocation of 160 families, 7 businesses, and 7 non-profit organizations, and will increase levels of air and noise pollution. (Region 3)
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI HUD HEW EPA COE DOT
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 7085e)

I-64 Widening, Hampton 07/14

Virginia
The proposed action involves widening I-64 to a six-lane from a four-lane facility and modifying three interchanges between a point west of LaSalle Avenue and the north end of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, a distance of 3.4 miles. The project will displace an estimated 42 dwelling units, 0.2 acre of wetlands, 1.7 acres of fringing marshlands, 3.2 acres of non-tidal freshwater marsh, and a limite amount of wildlife habitat. Construction will involve negligible shellfish and finfish losses. The facility's increased traffic will cause some rise in air and noise pollution levels. (Region 3)
COMMENTS MADE BY: EPA USDA USA DOC HEW DOT
state and local agencies
interested parties
(ELR ORDER # 70898)

Supplement — Date

I-40, I-10 - U.S. 90 (S-1) — 07/27

Louisiana
County: St Charles
This statement supplements a final EIS filed with CEQ in March 1972. The proposed action is the moving of people and freight from I-10 West, in St. Charles Parish, to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Boutte, and selecting a bridge site at Luling and a specific alignment. The settlement of litigation concerning this proposed action called for reconsideration of the action proposed in the final EIS as well as that of other alternatives. Alternatives include mass transit, and ten other possible highway corridors from I-10 to U.S.90, using the determined bridge site at Luling. (Region 6)
(ELR ORDER # 70914)

Appalachian Hwy., No. Georgia (S-1) — 07/01

North Carolina
County: several
Proposed is the extension of the Appalachian Highway in Forsyth, Cherokee, Pickens, Gilmer, Fannin, Union, and Towns Counties in North Carolina. S.R. 400 would extend from S.R. 306 in Forsyth County approximately 100 miles generally in a northern direction into Towns County and end at the North Carolina State line. Adverse impacts include displacement of from 262 to 458 residences and businesses, and displacment of up to 5,000 acres of woodland, farmland, and developed land.
(ELR ORDER # 70815)

Woonsocket Industrial Highway (S-1) — 07/19

Rhode Island
County: Providence
This statement supplements an EIS filed with CEQ in 1971. The proposed action involves the construction of a new full- access controlled highway, extending from Route 146 in North Smithfield, Rhode Island approximately 10,000 feet northeasterly to intersect with Route 122 in Cumberland. The supplement reexamines Corridor 2 as proposed in the original EIS and updates the environmental inventory. Plans also call for staged construction and a second phase upgrading of Route 146, including a frontage road system from Route I-295 to the proposed highway, a distance of approximately 10,00 feet. Adverse impacts are displacement of families and businesses. (Region 1)
(ELR ORDER # 70886)

U.S. 7, Sunderland to Manchester (S-1) 07/21

Vermont
County: Bennington
This statement supplements a final EIS filed with CEQ in October 1972. The project entails construction of a section of U.S. Route 7 from a point in Sunderland approximately 2 miles northeast of the Glastenbury-Sunderland Town Line and extending northerly on relocation approximately 10 miles to a point on Vermont 11 in the Town of Manchester, approximately 1.4 miles east of the U.S. 7/Vt. 11 intersection. Studies have shown that it would be possible to alleviate somewhat the noise impact from Route 7 on the Lye Brook Wilderness by shifting the initial construction to the southbound lanes. (Region 1)
(ELR ORDER # 70893)

U.S.Coast Guard

Draft Date

Shallotte Creek Bridge 07/01

North Carolina
County: Brunswick
Proposed is issuance of a permit to construct a bridge across Shallotte Creek, Brunswick Co., North Carolina. Plans call for construction of a fixed bridge approximately 90 feet in length and 15 feet in width to connect two parcels of property owned by the applicant. Adverse impacts will occur with respect to water quality, wetlands, wildlife, and vegetation.
(ELR ORDER # 70816)

Final Date

West Bank Expressway, Jefferson Parish 07/01

Louisiana
County: Jefferson
Proposed is the upgrading of the existing West Bank Expressway in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, to a 6-lane limited access expressway. The expressway route extends from U.S. Highway 90 on the west to Terry Parkway/General DeGaulle on the east, and follows the existing corridor which is 9.7 miles long with 300 foot right-of-way. Adverse effects include loss of 14 acres of swamp hardwoods for right-of-way purposes.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOI ARP USDA DLAB DOT COE EPA
state and local agencies
interested groups and persons
(ELR ORDER # 70817)

Highway Bridge Across Wolf River, Fremont 07/15

Wisconsin
County: Waupaca
The project entails construction of a four-lane highway bridge to cross the Wolf River as part of the proposed realignment of US 10 through Fremont, Wisconsin. Adverse impacts include acquisition of 0.7 acre of village park land, relocation of 4 families, relocation of an historical marker, slight noise impact upon the northern tip of the park, and short-term siltation and water pollution.
COMMENTS MADE BY: DOT DOI COE EPA
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70873)

U.S.Coast Guard

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Washington, D.C. 20590

Draft Date

Johns Creek Railway Line 07/15

Kentucky
County: Pike
The proposed action consists of construction of 8.33 miles of new railway line located in the eastern part of Kentucky near the Virginia, West Virginia border. The purpose of the line is to transport coal more efficiently from the Johns Creek drainage to the Luisa Fork drainage and on to regional markets. Adverse impacts include disturbance of 150 acres of land and construction related effects.
(ELR ORDER # 70874)

U. S. POSTAL SERVICE

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U.S. Postal Service
Washington, D.C. 20260

Final — Date

S. Cicero Ave. Post Office Relocation, Chicago — 07/05

Illinois
County: Cook
Proposed is relocation of the postal processing operation of the South Suburban Facility, presently located in leased facilities at 7401 South Cicero Avenue in Chicago, to a 39.28 acre site at 7500 Roosevelt Road in Forest Park. Adverse impacts include additional runoff as a result of increased paved surface, increased traffic in the area, and the potential for racial conflict as a result of the relocation of minority facilies to new residences in the western suburbs of Chicago.
COMMENTS MADE BY: HEW EPA HUD
state and local agencies
concerned citizens
(ELR ORDER # 70821)

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Appalachian Regional Commission	1	0	0	1
Architect of the Capitol	0	1	0	1
Atomic Energy Commission	42	144	0	186
Canal Zone Government	0	1	0	1
Civil Aeronautics Board	0	2	0	2
Commerce, Department of	27	76	3	106
Consumer Product Safety Commission	0	1	0	1
Defense, Department of	11	8	1	20
Air Force	11	27	2	40
Army	4	29	2	35
Army Corps of Engineers	559	1144	38	1741
Navy	16	43	2	61
Deleware River Basin Commission	3	8	0	11
Energy Policy Office	0	1	0	1
Energy Research & Development Admin.	9	10	0	19
Environmental Protection Agency	50	115	3	168
Federal Energy Administration	9	11	3	23
Federal Maritime Commission	3	0	0	3
Federal Power Commission	84	68	5	157
Federal Trade Commission	1	0	0	1
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HEW, Department of	4	18	0	22
HUD, Department of	92	281	6	379
Interior, Department of	151	406	6	563
International Boundary and Water Commission -- U.S. and Mexico	0	10	0	10
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Labor, Department of	7	5	0	12
National Aeronautics and Space Adm.	9	27	4	40
National Capitol Planning Comm.	5	8	0	13
National Science Foundation	0	7	0	7
New England River Basins Commission	3	0	0	3
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	8	45	10	63
Office of Science and Technology	0	1	0	1
Ohio River Basin Commission	0	1	0	1
Pacific Northwest River Basins Comm.	3	0	0	3
Pennsylvania Ave. Devel. Corp.	0	1	0	1
Souris-Red-Rainy River Basins Comm.	1	0	0	1
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